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THE STRIKE.

CANTON MERCHANTS PICK DELEGATES.

DEADLOCK ENDS.

Preliminary movements in connection with the proposed conference for a settlement of the strike and boycott are still taking place between interested parties in Hongkong and Canton. Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Yeung Sai-nam and Mr. Kan Kum-shek arrived from Canton by steamer and they were due to meet His Excellency the Governor to-day. Mr. Yeung is stated to be the bearer of a message from the Canton Government on the subject of the strike settlement. Both he and Mr. Kan assert that the Canton Government is anxious to see a settlement reached, and they are hopeful that this will soon be effected. Whilst in the Colony, these two gentlemen will assist in the arrangements for the visit of an observation party of Hongkong merchants to Canton.

In connection with the report that the four Commercial Unions at Canton were unable to come to a common understanding regarding the election of one delegate who could command the confidence of the four Unions, news is to hand that a final meeting of the Unions was convened at which the suggestion was adopted to form an electoral body to be composed of four deputies, one from each Union, who would be entrusted with full electoral powers by their respective Unions, and whose special function would be to elect a delegate from the candidates submitted by the Unions, by a majority of votes of the electoral body. The contest centred on two individuals, Messrs. Hu Chung-tong and Wong Yuk-sing, and the final result was that both received equal votes and were declared elected. The meeting terminated by the passing of a resolution that the names of these two delegates be submitted to the final decision of the Committee of Political Affairs.

Thus ended an episode which had, at one time, given great concern to the public of Canton, because there appeared the possibility of an interruption in the process of bringing about a conference. It now remains to be seen what action the Canton Government will take to facilitate the solution of the strike question.

LEAGUE AND MOSUL.

TURKS STILL DISAGREE.

Geneva, Dec. 8. After prolonged deliberations, including a secret sitting, the Council of the League of Nations has unanimously adopted the Hague Court's advisory opinion regarding the procedure to be followed in deciding the Mosul question, namely that the Council has full powers to make decisions, including power to arbitrate.

The Turkish representative expressed his regret at the decision.

Colonel Amery had previously announced that the British Government regarded themselves as bound in advance by the decision of the Council.

The Turkish delegate, Munir Bey, contended that the Council's role should be conciliation and mediation, not arbitration, which the Turkish delegation could not accept without the authority of the National Assembly.

M. Unden (Sweden) said the Council did not intend to renounce its role as mediator.—*Reuter*.

SWATOW PICKETS.

RELIEVED OF THEIR ARMS.

It is reported from Swatow that the strike pickets there have been relieved of their arms in consequence of the high-handed action of the Inn Owners' Union. This step brought the parties concerned to appear before the Secretary of Political Affairs at the headquarters of the Field Marshal, with the result that the arrested man was set free and an order made to take back all the arms in possession of the strike pickets, who are said to be merely hirelings of the Strike Union and not actual strikers.

MILITARY MOVES.

A report is to hand stating that Chu Pui-tek is preparing to return to Canton from the front and that the magistrate of Yeung Keng district has been ordered to secure a sufficient number of transports for conveyance of his troops back to the North River sector. The post of Field-Marshal will devolve upon Li Chai-sum, who will be second-in-command of the south-west sector.

It is also reported that Chang Kai-shek will return to Canton as soon as Chang Ching arrives at Swatow. The latter was ordered some time ago to take command of the Canton forces stationed along the frontier of Fukien and to him will be given the necessary instructions concerning the Fukien situation by Chang Kai-shek before the latter's departure from Swatow.

NORTHERN MOVES.

LOOTING FEARED AT MUKDEN.

Peking, Dec. 8. Kuo Sang-hing's troops are advancing slowly. The main body is still at Chinchow, but advance guards are approaching the Liaohs.

Japanese gendarmes are assisting the police at Mukden, where some panic prevails and looting is feared.

The Kuomintang troops have reached Yangtze, whilst Li Ching-lin's forces have withdrawn to Peitsang, apparently without fighting, or very little.

There are no trains running to-day between Peking and Tientsin, and there are no locomotives at the Chienmen Station.

Li Ching-lin is reported to have taken personal command of his troops near Machang, and he claims to have defeated two brigades of the Second Kuomintang Army at Tzeyaho and one brigade at Tacheng.—*Reuter*.

JUMPED IN HARBOUR.

INDIAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Hormat Ali, a driver of the Hongkong Mule Corps, attempted to take his life by jumping into the water from the Police Pier at Kowloon yesterday morning. He was rescued by members of the Water Police with the assistance of some civilians, and taken to the Water Police Station.

Later the man was handed over to his superior officers.

DEARER TEA.

FAILURE OF INDIAN CROP.

London, Dec. 8. The *Morning Post* says that owing to the failure of the Indian tea crop, which is expected to be some twenty million pounds less than last year, the prices of grades of tea at present retail at 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d. per pound will be raised to 2/- during the next few weeks.—*Reuter*.

U.S. PROBLEMS.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

DEBT QUESTIONS.

Washington, Dec. 8.

President Coolidge in his message to Congress has renewed a number of recommendations which he had already made to the legislature outlining a comprehensive legislative programme dealing with pressing domestic and international problems.

As regards foreign relations he said that the success of Logansport justified the policy of leaving European countries alone to solve their own problems. America would welcome any action European countries might take with a view to reducing military forces, and, while favouring disarmament, the Government would not care to attend any conference which, from its location or constituency, would probably prove a futile reduction of armies rather than of navies, which was at present the most important world question. If that were settled a further reduction in the limitation of naval armaments might be more easily considered.

Defending the proposal that America should join the World Court, President Coolidge made a reservation regarding the constitution of the Court. He said it would be impossible to support a Court under which America assumed no obligations.

He estimated that the debt payments already arranged would aggregate during the next 62 years over fifteen milliard dollars and those outstanding would bring the total to twenty milliards, which exceeded the present national debt. The latter included the Russian debt of 192 millions, "which those at present in control had openly undertaken to repudiate."

The message also included proposals for reductions of taxes, a sustained effort to strengthen the aviation resources of the country, and a strict adherence to the prohibition law.—*Reuter*.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

MORE SELECTED FOR MOSCOW.

With regard to the selection of Chinese students from Kwangsi province to proceed to the Sun Yat-sen University at Moscow, it is stated that from November 20th to November 22nd, no fewer than 250 candidates from Nanning handed in their names. All these were requested to attend for examination at the Provincial Middle School on the 23rd, when 20 students were selected. In Wuchow, there were over 400 students who had given in their names during the three days from 24th to 26th. It was arranged that the examination would take place in the branch school of the Provincial Middle School on the 27th. There were three supervising committees, and Mr. Yih Kwang-wei and others were present personally to supervise the examination. At 8.30 a.m. note books were given, with four to pass. The questions concerned Dr. Sun's Principles of Three People's Theory. It is estimated that 30 students were selected from Wuchow, whilst the 20 students selected from Nanning will go to Wuchow and join the former in proceeding to Canton, where they will wait for steamer for the North April 14th, he was living with his wife at No. 1, King's Terrace.

AUCTION SEQUEL.

SOLICITOR'S WIFE'S PURCHASES.

The unusual spectacle of a solicitor appearing as the defendant in a claim and defending the case himself was seen in the Supreme Court this morning before Mr. Justice Wood. The plaintiffs were Messrs. Lamert Bros., auctioneers, Duddell Street, for whom Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared, and the defendant was Mr. W. B. Hind, of Messrs. Hail and Hind, Queen's Road Central. The plaintiffs claim was for \$218,75, being the price of goods purchased by the defendant on April 14th, and June 5th, 1925, at the auction room of the plaintiffs.

In opening the case, Mr. Armstrong asked leave to amend the writ of summons by altering the word "defendant" to "defendant's wife."

This was granted. Continuing, Mr. Armstrong said the plaintiffs carried on business as auctioneers. At two auctions, on April 14th, and June 5th, defendant's wife was present, and during the course of the auctions she purchased numerous household goods, particulars of which he would produce.

In answer to a question by Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. Hind denied the particulars.

THE PURCHASED GOODS. Dealing with the particulars of the case, Mr. Armstrong said it would be seen that the goods sold and purchased consisted entirely of household furniture and effects. They were made out in the name of "Hind," the name of the plaintiffs was cash settlements before the delivery of goods. In that case, however, at the request of the defendant's wife, the goods were taken away by her before cash was paid, to some destination unknown to the plaintiffs, on the distinct understanding that cash would be paid forthwith. As a matter of fact, no cash was paid until May 14th, and then only as a result of numerous requests. The sum paid was \$200, and as a result of more requests, a similar sum was paid on June 10th. The defendant had given notice of two defences; he thought he could confine himself to those two defences if he could prove that the goods were sold. The first defence, he understood, was that the goods supplied were supplied to his wife, and were not necessities. The second was that she was sufficiently supplied with furniture, and further, that such furniture was bought by her to equip a flat.

Mr. L. E. Lammert then went into the witness box, and said he was a partner in the firm of auctioneers. He spoke of selling goods to Mrs. Hind on the dates in question. It was a condition of his auction sales that cash should be paid before the goods were delivered. In the case of people well known to him, however, they sometimes allowed the goods to be delivered before payment had been made. In that case Mrs. Hind was well known to them, and therefore they allowed her to have the goods before payment.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hind, witness said the first cheque in payment was signed by Mrs. Hind. He could not remember whether the second sum was paid in cash or by a cheque, but he remembered that Mrs. Hind brought it personally. The admitted that Mr. Hind himself had not bought anything from him at any auctions, and had never paid anything on his wife's account to him. Asked if he knew whether the goods were auctioned by him again later, witness replied he could not recollect it, but there was an auction later. He would not go as far as to say that it was the same furniture, as there was a much less quantity.

DENIAL OF LIABILITY. Mr. Hind then entered the witness box, and after discarding his solicitor's robe, denied all responsibility for the purchase of the furniture. He said at the time the furniture was bought, on April 14th, he was living with his wife at No. 1, King's Terrace.

FRENCH BONDS.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE ISSUE.

DUE HERE SOON.

Enquiries having been addressed to us by readers interested in the affairs of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, as to when the promised Gold Bonds into which the amounts due to creditors and depositors have been converted, will be available, a *Telegraph* representative made enquiries at the local branch this morning, and was informed that the first batches will arrive here some time next month. There has been some delay in the matter, which was not surprising when it was considered that no fewer than a million Bonds have had to be signed by hand. The scheme for the conversion into Bonds was authorised, after two years' negotiations with the Chinese Government, early this year. Then the signature of Sir Francis Aclen, Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, had to be secured, and it was not until late in June that the printing of the Bonds was undertaken.

It is now expected that the first three cases of Bonds will be to hand in the early part of next month, and that it will take some three months or so before the whole of the local batch is received.

which was a flat with four rooms. Three of the rooms were furnished, and the fourth room was used as a storeroom for furniture, as they had a good deal more furniture than they could use in the flat. He knew nothing whatever about the purchases until after they were made, and he did not authorise the purchases on April 14th. He learned about it a week or ten days later from his wife.

She told him that she had taken a place at No. 1, King's Terrace, and the furniture was there. She intended to let it as a furnished flat in order to make money. He told her that he objected, but she would not give way on the point. He did nothing further in the matter. Speaking as to the purchases on June 5th, he said he knew nothing about these at all, and had not heard of the purchases.

Cross-examined by Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Hind said the furniture in the first case was sent to No. 1, King's Terrace, and was not sent to his flat. He was not quite certain whether the furniture had been paid for or not, as his wife had sufficient money in hand to pay for it. It did not occur to him to ask whether it had been paid for as her monthly allowance would cover the expenses. His wife had private means, represented by an income. He took no steps to find out whether it was paid for or not, and did not communicate with the auctioneers, as he considered it was not necessary.

Mr. Hind then addressed the Court, and submitted it was perfectly clear that the goods were not necessary, and therefore he was not bound to pay for them. He then went on to quote cases supporting this contention, and also dealt with the question of a wife pledging a husband's credit.

Mr. Armstrong referred to the custom in Hongkong. In this case, the defendant's wife went to the auction room, and was well known to the plaintiffs. The auctioneer did not know whether she had any separate income of her own, and any credit he gave her, he gave exclusively to the husband. If his Lordship held against him, it would prove an incentive to married women in Hongkong to purchase goods at the expense of their husbands' credit.

Mr. Justice Wood reserved judgment.

THE IRISH BILL.

PASSES SECOND AND THIRD READINGS.

London, Dec. 8.

In the House of Commons, the Irish Bill passed its second and third readings without a division.

—*Reuter*.

INACCURATE REPORTS.

London, Dec. 8.

In the House of Commons, moving the second reading of the Irish Agreement Bill, Mr. Baldwin declared that the reports regarding the nature of the Boundary Commission's report were far from accurate. He alone of the three Premier's had seen the map proposed by the Commission, which had now been put away in the archives until future years, when the boundary would no longer arouse excitement in Ireland.

The Premier gratefully paid a tribute to the Commission and rebutted the accusation that they were swayed by improper influences. He pointed out that the amount of Ireland's liabilities under Article 5 was most problematical and would have remained a festering sore in the relations of the two countries. He added that the Free State was already paying a tenth of the revenue outside its own borders and had also agreed to pay £5,000,000, spread over a period of sixty years, as compensation for material damage.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, on behalf of the Labourites, and Mr. Fisher, for the Liberals, warmly supported the measure.—*Reuter*.

FRENCH SPY SCARE.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

Paris, Dec. 8.

The newspapers, commenting on the disclosures in the espionage case, declare that the arrest of three Englishmen is occasioning a belief that England is involved in a strange anti-Climax to Locarno.

The search at the premises of the wireless company where the three arrested Englishmen were employed was carried out by a magistrate and a representative of the War Ministry. Letters and a list of air officers were found, and the arrested Englishmen, questioned by the magistrate, denied any knowledge of the espionage activities of Marthe Moreau, with whom only one of them was acquainted.—*Reuter*.

SOVIET AND THE LEAGUE.

"CAPITULATION" TO BE AVOIDED.

Moscow, Dec. 8.

M. Rykov in a speech declared that if the Soviet were to join the League of Nations it would mean its political capitulation to the East and economic capitulation to the West. "The East would regard us as traitors if we participated in trade with nations within the League."

He declared the Locarno treaty was undoubtedly aimed against the Soviet. The Soviet would support every movement towards disarmament.—*Reuter*.

RUBBER BOOM.

LESS EXCITEMENT YESTERDAY.

London, Dec. 8.

There was less excitement on the Stock Exchange to-day over rubber shares and prices were decidedly easier. This was chiefly due to profit taking but there was no pronounced falling for rubber.

CANTON SPLIT?

REPORTED OBJECTION TO RUSSIANS.

CONTROL RESENTED.

There are reports in circulation—whether well-founded or not we are unable to say—of disagreement between General Kai-shek and M. Borodin. It is said Chang Kai-shek has recently become convinced of the unwisdom of permitting Russian control of political affairs in Canton, and that he has had several differences with M. Borodin on the subject.

It is stated that some months ago, Chang Kai-shek advocated the continuance of the policy of a triple alliance, with Tuan Chi-jui and Chang Tso-lin, which the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen had entered into, but that M. Borodin, seeing that such a policy would conflict with his own, decided against it. Notwithstanding the firm stand of M. Borodin, it is said that Chang Kai-shek sent his own representative to make overtures to Tuan Chi-jui when Sun Chuab-fang openly protested against the encroachment of Chang Tso-lin on the Yangtze Valley provinces, and declared war against him, with the approval of Wu Peifu, following which the Executive Committee held a secret meeting to decide the policy of the Canton Government towards the new development. M. Borodin is reported to have advocated the alliance with Wu Peifu and Sun Chuab-fang against Tuan and Chang, and reports say it was his vote that decided the issue.

At the time, Chang Kai-shek was at the front, in the thick of the operations, and when informed of the Executive Committee's decision by telegram, he is stated to have immediately wired back to Wang Ching-wai to stop the issuance of the public declaration of the decision of the Executive Committee. This telegram was shown to M. Borodin, who is said to have insisted on its immediate promulgation, which was effected through the medium of the Canton vernacular papers.

It is said that these represent only some of the differences between Chang Kai-shek and M. Borodin, which touch matters of principle rather than expediency.

FRENCH ADMIRAL.

DUE HERE TO-MORROW.

The cruiser Jules Michalet, flagship of the French Squadron in Far Eastern waters, is due to arrive here to-morrow with the new Commander-in-Chief, Rear Admiral Basire, on board. A wireless message has been received from the cruiser to the effect that she will come into port at 8 o'clock in the morning from Saigon.

The new Commander-in-Chief has come into his post in succession to Vice Admiral Frochet, who has left for Home. As this will be Rear Admiral Basire's first visit to Hongkong, an official landing may be made, after the

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MUKDEN MENACE.

KUO SUNG-LIN'S TROOPS
AT THE GATES.

FEARS OF LOOTING.

Tokyo, Dec. 8.
This morning's Cabinet Council decided against despatching reinforcements to Manchuria. Foreign Office advisers state that three hundred railway guards from Linoyang were sent to Mukden yesterday as a precaution and also state that Mukden Japanese residents have closed their shops and offices as they fear looting by the defeated troops.—*Reuter*.

Tokyo, Dec. 8.
Owing to the theatre of hostilities approaching the Japanese defence zone the War Office announces the text of a communication which the Commander of the Japanese Kwangtung Army expects to send simultaneously to the rival Chinese commanders fighting in Manchuria. After emphasising Japan's strict non-interference policy hitherto, he gives a warning that if hostilities in the railway zone or in adjacent districts jeopardise Japanese lives or property, Japanese troops may be constrained to act.—*Reuter*.

Later.
The latest Foreign Office despatches state that Kuo Sung-lin's army is expected to enter Mukden to-morrow. Kuo Sung-lin's troops are at present reported to be at Hsinminfu, west of Mukden, facing a small army of Chang Hsueh-liang which is expected either to surrender or retreat to Kirin, to which place Chang Tso-lin is reported to have journeyed this morning. The Consul General has reported that all the banks, stores and shops in Mukden are closed. Bankers are urgently telegraphing to Tokyo and fear looting by the retreating troops.

Four hundred additional Japanese troops from Port Arthur are proceeding to Mukden.
All the foreigners at Hsinminfu have been evacuated. It is understood that a number of foreign women are being given refuge in the Japanese and other Consulates at Mukden, at which all the Consuls at a meeting, decided on a plan of protection for their nationals.
The Foreign Office expresses optimism, but admits a serious situation may develop. The *Kokusa* says a message from Mukden reports that a decisive battle is expected on the 9th or 10th. Hsinminfu was looted by Mukden troops to-day.—*Reuter*.

Peace Efforts.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.—General Yang Yu-ling remains loyal to General Chang Tso-lin, who intends personally to direct operations. If further defeated, he will retreat to Kirin.

The Japanese Consul at Mukden has proceeded to Chinchow with the object of mediating for peace with General Kuo Sung-lin on the following condition:

To urge Chang Tso-lin to evacuate Fengtien, and Kuo's army to enter Mukden peacefully.

General Kuo Sung-lin has urged that Chang Tso-lin retire and be appointed as a high adviser of the Three Eastern Provinces; that the military and administrative powers of the Three Eastern Provinces be handed over to Kuo Sung-lin; that Chang Hsueh-liang shall leave for America to study politics, the military and administrative powers of the Three Eastern Provinces to be handed back to him when he returns.

General Kuo Sung-lin has appointed Wu Ching-lin as the Civil Governor of Fengtien.

General Feng Yu-hsiang has despatched Tang Yuet-liang to declare to the Ministers of Britain, America and Japan that he is not Bolshevik.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

THE ATHERLEY CASE.

FOUR FURTHER CHARGES
PREFERRED.

Four further charges of embezzlement were preferred against Mr. J. Edward Atherley, ex-manager of Getz Brothers (of the Central Orient) Limited, at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Defendant is already waiting trial on other charges of embezzlement, and yesterday four additional counts were added to the indictment.

Mr. D. H. Blake prosecuted, and defendant was represented by Mr. W. B. Hind. The additional charges were, converting to his own use four sums, \$1,641, \$1,112, \$73, and \$447 respectively, received by him on account of Getz Brothers (of the Orient) Limited.

Mr. D. H. Blake outlined the business of the firm and said the defendant was manager in Hongkong for Getz Brothers (of the Orient) Limited. The Company was registered in America to carry on the business of importers and exporters in the Colony. The practice of the Company was to sell goods to Chinese and other dealers, and they had a compradore who handled that branch of the business.

The compradore collected monies due from the dealers. He had an agreement under which he was bound to obey the orders of the Company, and he had to obey the orders of the manager. The compradore had a cashier who belonged to the compradore's staff, and handled monies received by that staff. As money was received by the compradore or cashier, the amounts were entered in a book, together with the names of the dealers. The various sums paid into the bank were also noted.

Compradore's Evidence.

Each day the compradore, or, as was usually the case, the cashier, handed to the manager a deposit slip which gave the name of the dealer and the amount of money received. The manager then gave orders regarding the disposal of the money.

The first witness called was a representative of the International Banking Corporation, who produced an abstract of Mr. Atherley's account with the bank.

The compradore of the firm also gave evidence relating to certain transactions.

The Magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lind-sell said that the compradore's name was down as the prosecutor in the four new charges.

Mr. Hind: Unless the defendant is found guilty you will have to pay the money the Company has lost?

The Compradore: It will make no difference whether he is convicted or acquitted.

In reply to further question the compradore said he did not know if the Company would try and hold him responsible for their loss if the defendant was acquitted.

The hearing of the case was adjourned until to-day.

CHESS.

THE INTERNATIONAL
TOURNAMENT.

Moscow, Dec. 8.—Play in the twentieth round of the International Chess Tournament has assured first place to Boguljubow with fifteen points. The next and final round will decide whether Lasker will be second and Capablanca third, or whether the two will tie. Boguljubow's victory does not deprive Capablanca of the title of world's champion.—*Reuter*.

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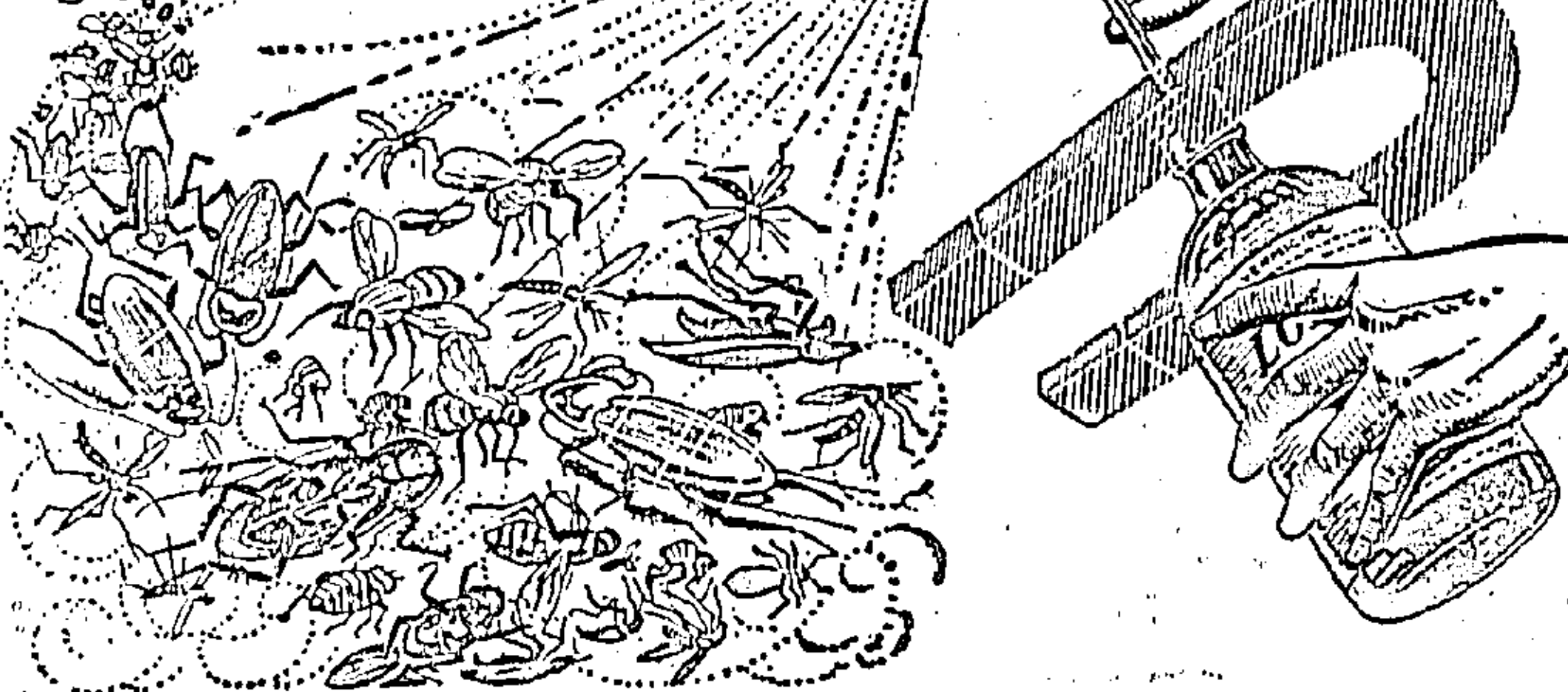
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FOLLOWS OXFORD "BAGS."

Oxford trousers (states the *London Morning Post*) have been relegated to the far-away days when trousers themselves were regarded as an eccentricity by the introduction of a coat which will probably be attributed to either Oxford or Cambridge. Oxford trousers are now behind the times.

If rumour is to be believed,

trousers came into fashion as an immediate result of the popularity of port, which caused gout and forced good wine lovers, as all Englishmen were in those days, to conceal their twisted nether extremities. Every true port drinker knows that this legend is a libel. But the fact is that the world of fashion is faced with a new coat of terrifying aspect. It is taken in at the waist and double-breasted, and its tails reach well below the knees. Also, it is decorated with

flounces.

One bold innovator wore such a coat of light chocolate hue in Piccadilly recently, and to some extent justified its existence by partially concealing a pair of Oxford trousers of the same tinge. Economists suggest that since women have reduced the material needed for their dresses to vanishing point the manufacturers are trying to strike a balance by inflicting this generous garment on the male loaders of fashion, probably at Oxford, though it may be that poetic justice will inflict the paternity of this monstrosity on Cambridge.

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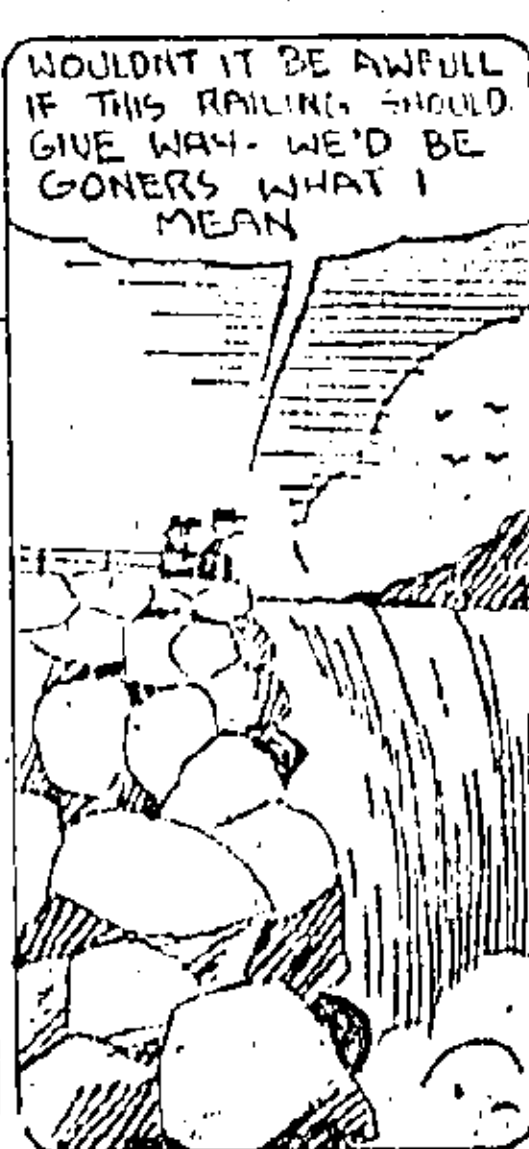
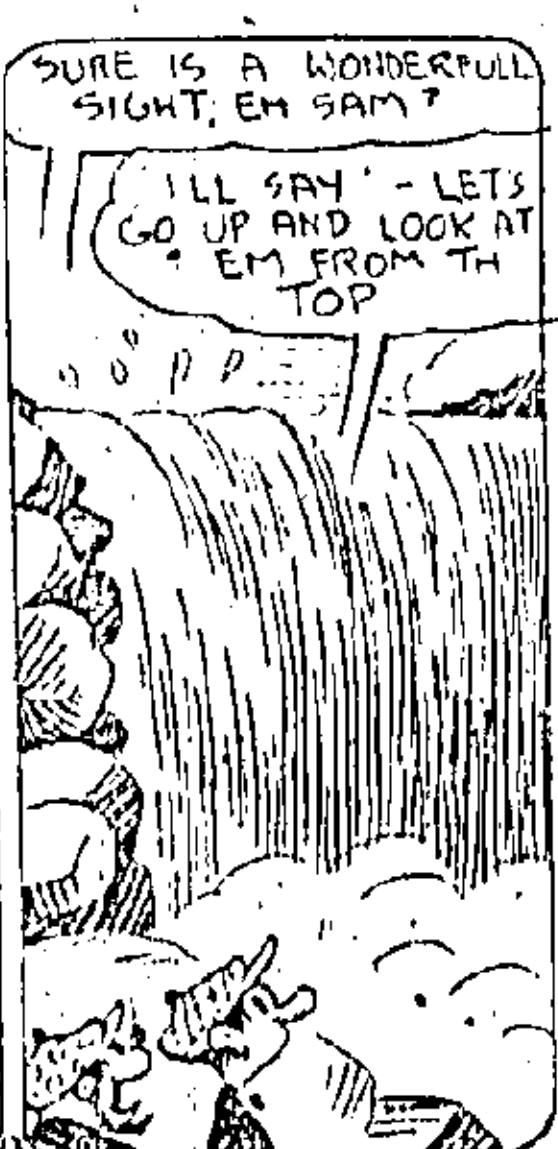
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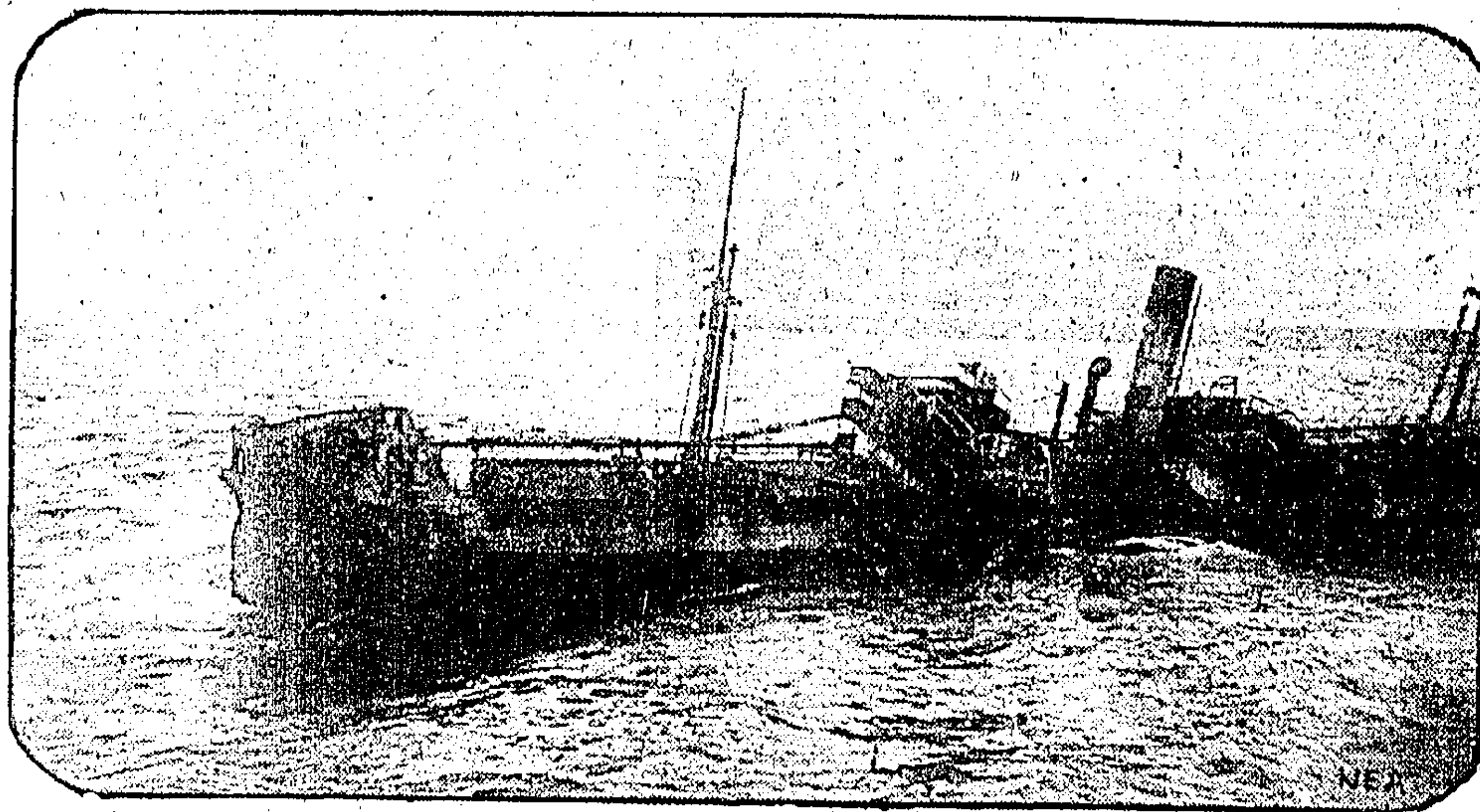


The National Assembly of Persia has adopted a resolution deposing their ruler, Shah Ahmaed, above, in favour of Premier Reza Khan. The overthrow of the Kajar dynasty, which has ruled Persia for the last three centuries, was the result of Shah Ahmaed's refusal to go to Persia from Paris at the request of the Assembly.



Reza Khan, above, is now head of affairs in the new Government of Persia.

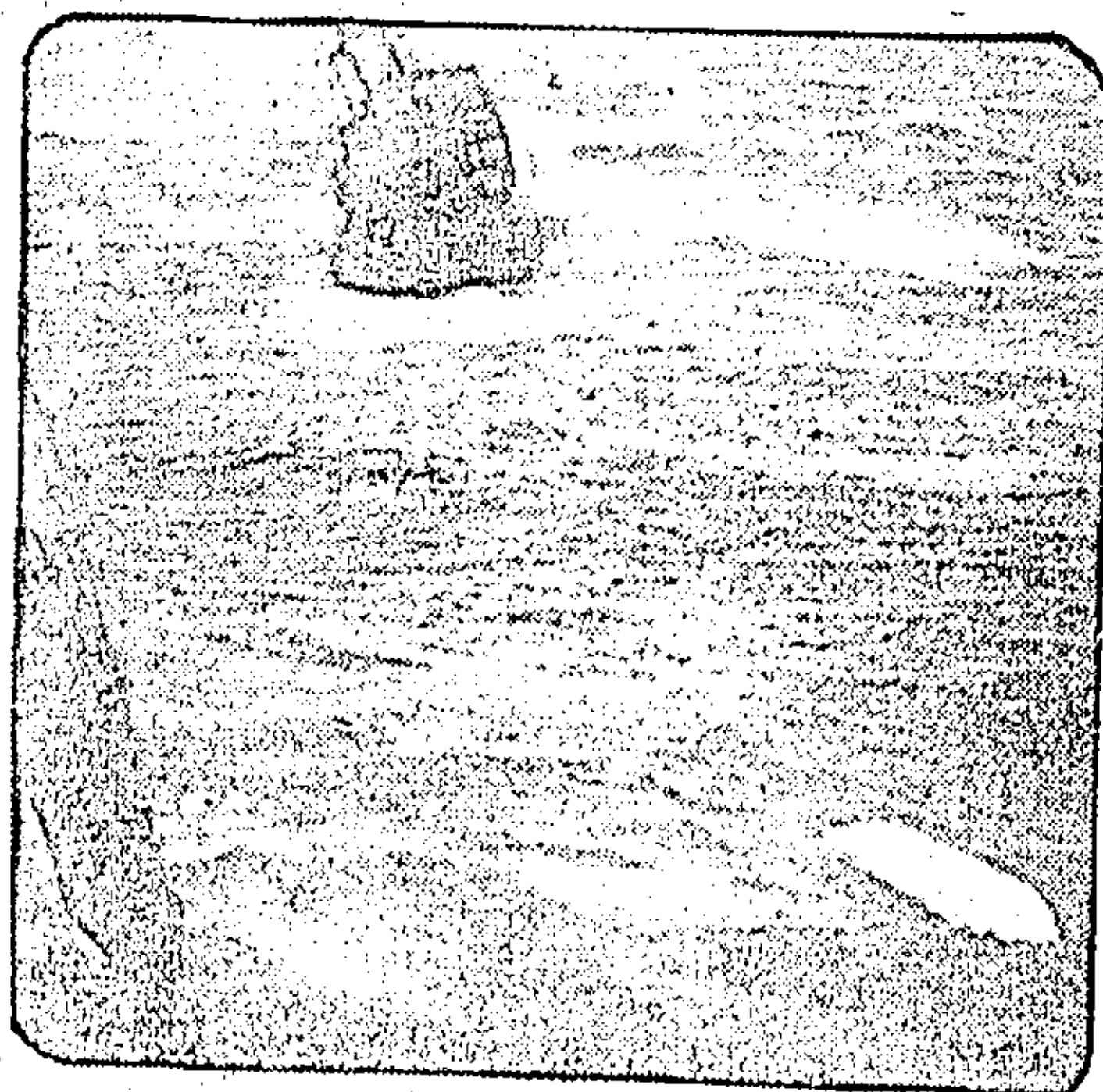
Loss of the Italian S. S. Ignazio Florio.



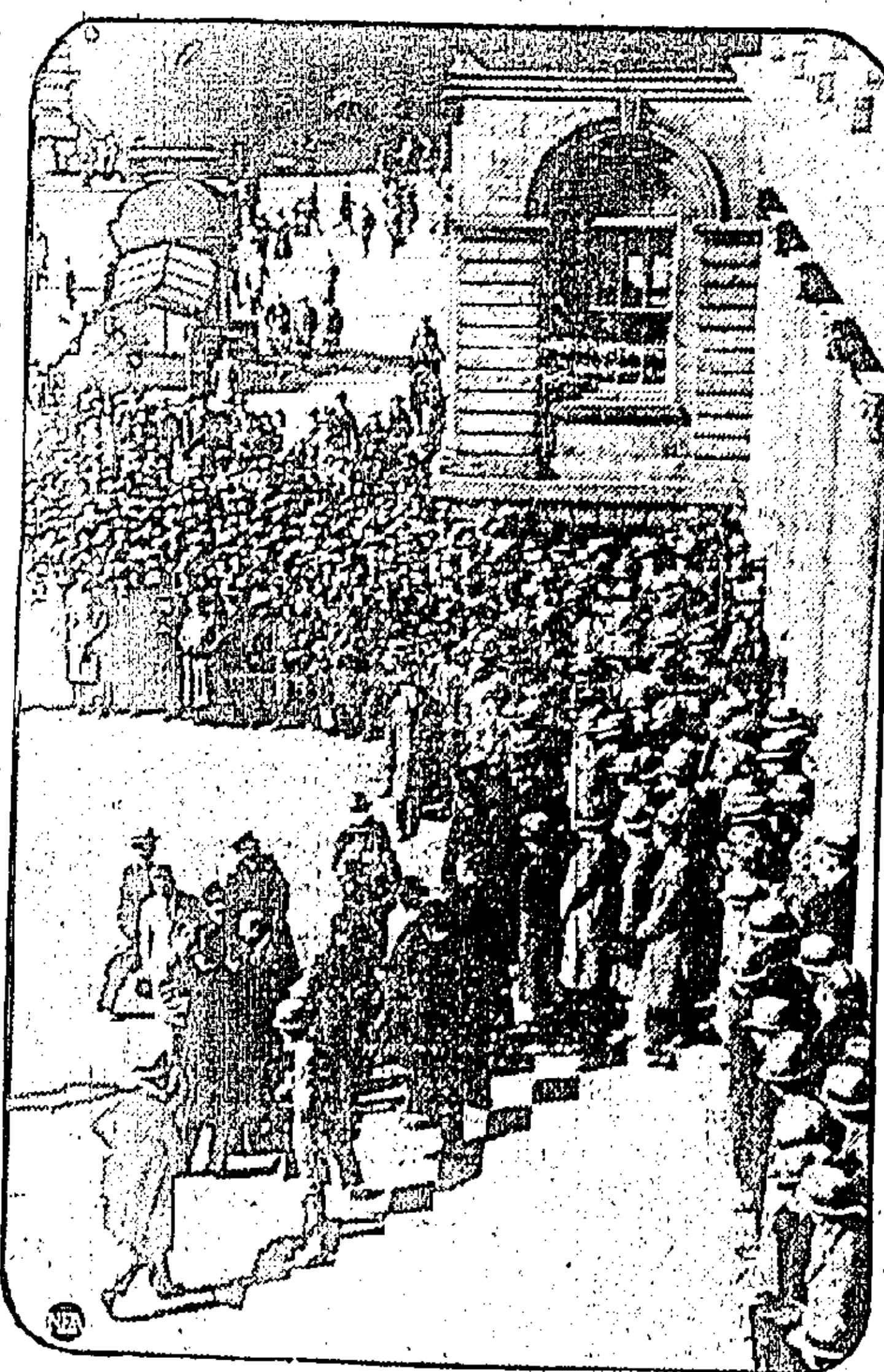
The forward end of the Italian freighter Ignazio Florio, photographed from the rescue ship, President Harding, just before she went down on October 21, about 1,700 miles east of New York. This picture was taken during the storm which wrecked the vessel, and immediately after the crew were saved. She sank soon afterwards.



The 27 officers and men of the Ignazio Florio, brought safe into New York by the American liner, President Harding.



There were anxious moments for the doomed Ignazio Florio and the rescue ship President Harding when this photograph was taken. In the distance, water-logged, storm-battered and ready to sink, is the freighter—its crew praying for help. In the foreground is an overturned life-boat of the President Harding, lost in one of the early rescue attempts.



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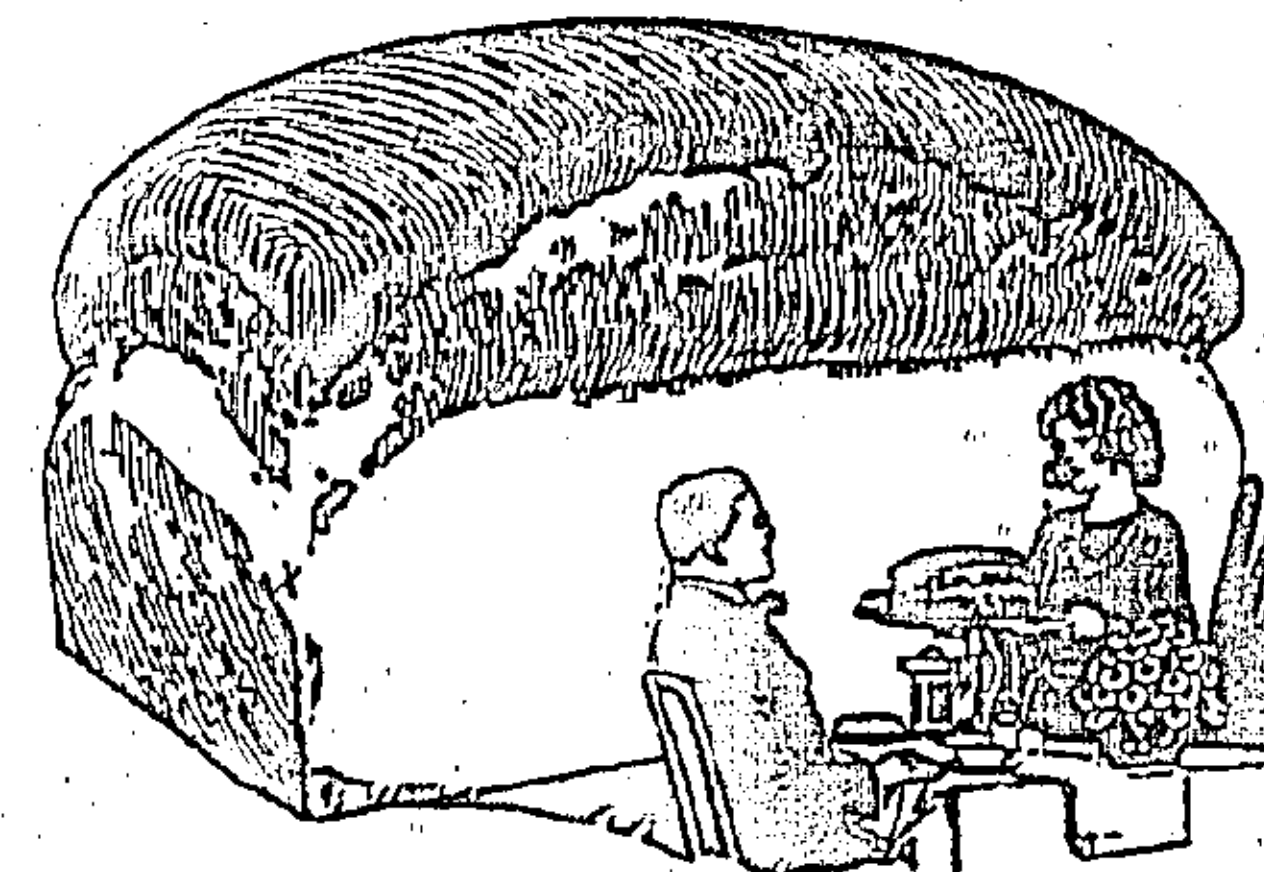
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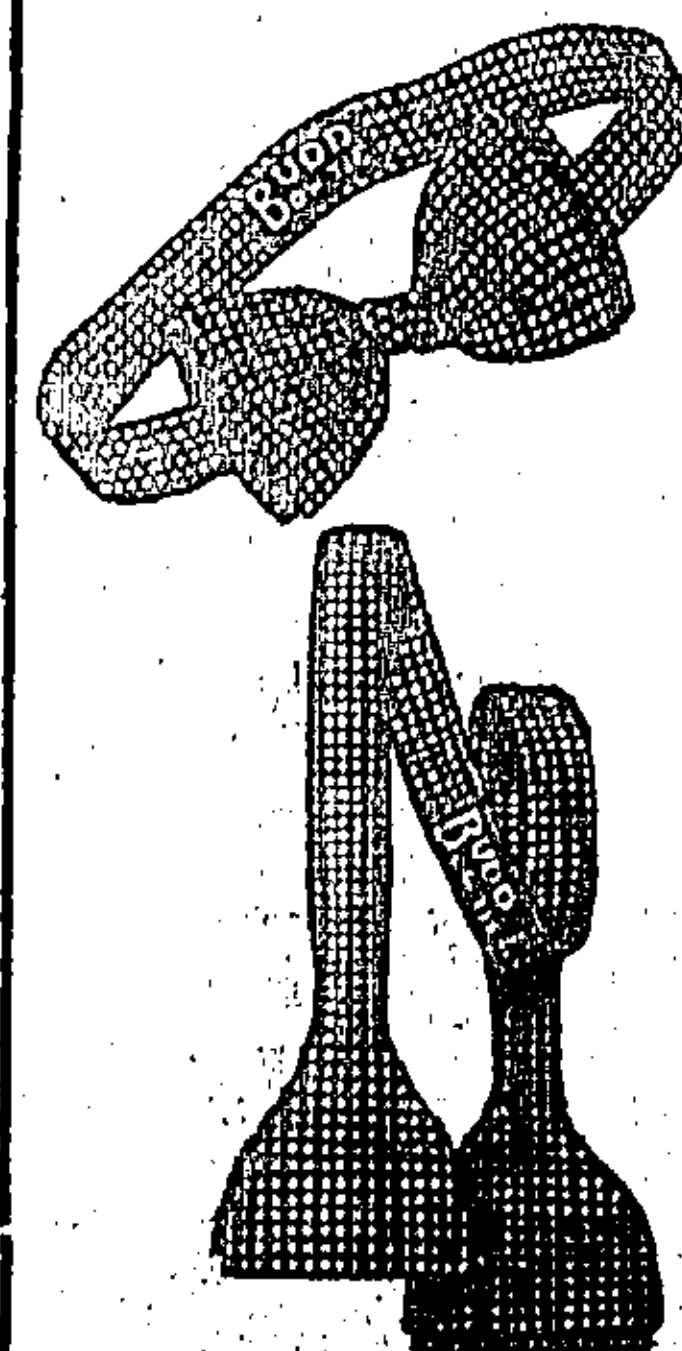
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Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday,
the 21st December, 1925, at 11.30
o'clock in the forenoon, for the
purpose of receiving a Statement
of Accounts and the Report of the
General Managers for the year
ended 30th September, 1925, and
electing a Consulting Committee
and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Thursday, the 10th December,
1925, until Monday, the 21st
December, 1925, both days
inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1925.

NOTICE.

At the General Meeting held
on November 26, 1925, the Share-
holders of the Societe Francaise
de Garantie de la Banque Indus-
trielle de Chine have decided to
increase the Capital of the Com-
pany to Frs. 20,000,000 and to
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mencing at 11 a.m., at their Sales
Room, Duddell Street.

2500 Bags Java White Sugar
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(for account of the concerned.)

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in the Godowns of the China Pro-
vident, Loan and Mortgage Co.,
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THE CHINESE
PROBLEM.AMERICAN COMMITTEES'
REPORT.

New York, Oct. 19.—"Generally
speaking, we are agreed that extra-
territoriality should be abolished,
and that customs autonomy should
be given to China. We are not
fully agreed at this time whether
the abolition of extraterritoriality
and the giving of customs autonomy
should be by one stroke or whether
it should be by progressive stages."

The above was one of the out-
standing points in one of the
several reports just presented to the
members of the Conference on
American Relations with China
which met recently in Baltimore.
This report went on to say:

The method of approach to the
Chinese people and Government is
of extreme importance. There
is a good deal of difference between
our insisting that they must do
certain things first of all, and their
coming to us, in return for assur-
ances that we give them, with prom-
ises on their own part to do cer-
tain things that will make possible
the realization of those principles
and purposes upon which we are
agreed.

We hope that . . . these parties
(participants in the forthcoming
customs conference and in the com-
mission on extraterritoriality),
meeting on a platform of complete
equality, will be able to come to
an accord as friends and brothers
in a great family of nations.

We hope that our Government
will most earnestly and in the most
effective way possible endeavour to
secure the agreement of these five
powers (China, Japan, Great
Britain, France, and the United
States) in carrying out the recom-
mendations which will be made by
the conference in October and by
the commission that meets in
December.

At the same time we think that
our Government should have the
firm purpose of acting independen-
tly if it is found impossible within
a reasonable time to secure the con-
current action of the other four
powers.

The discussion of the report be-
fore its adoption brought out
several other distinct divergences.
Two of these found expression sub-
stantially as follows:

1. The adoption of a report re-
commending the abolition of extra-
territoriality and the granting of
customs autonomy would encourage
certain groups in China to expect
much more in the way of drastic
early action than can possibly be
carried out by the United States,
which is by no means the only
nation concerned.

2. The hope expressed in the re-
port that our Government will take
independent action if it cannot
within a reasonable time secure con-
current action of the other powers,
may prove embarrassing in the
forthcoming negotiations in China.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR OPINIONS.

The Conference realized that its
object was not achieved with the
conclusion of its sessions. As one
member said near the close, "It has
been a real clearing house of
opinions regarding Chinese-American
relations. It should not stop
there. Several members have
voiced the feeling that a subsequent
conference, after the completion of
those on customs and extraterritoriality
at Peking would be desirable."

The report of the committee con-
cluded as follows:

Finally, the Baltimore Conference
revealed rich resources in our own
country for widening our under-
standing of Chinese-American re-
lations. It suggested the social
power that is generated when
experts in international relations
and spokesmen of organized
opinion and of large interests in-
volved combine in a common educa-
tional effort. In the immediate
future there is sure to be intense
interest in the progress of negotia-
tion in Peking. It is hoped that
each installment of news from
there, bringing home the realities
of the situation, will lend en-
couragement to carry further the
distinct service of the Baltimore
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with China: that of helping those
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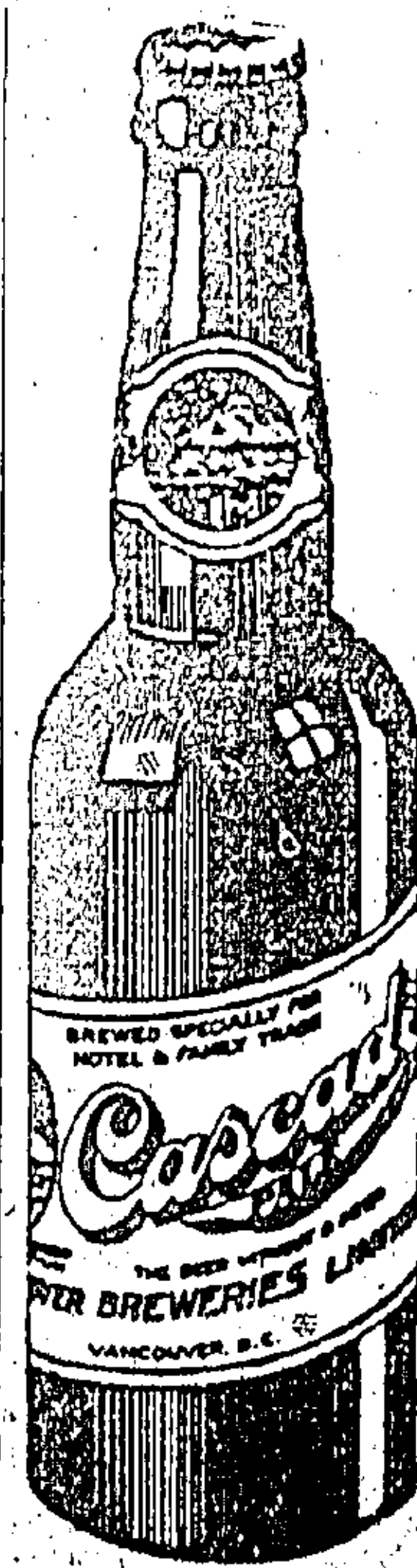
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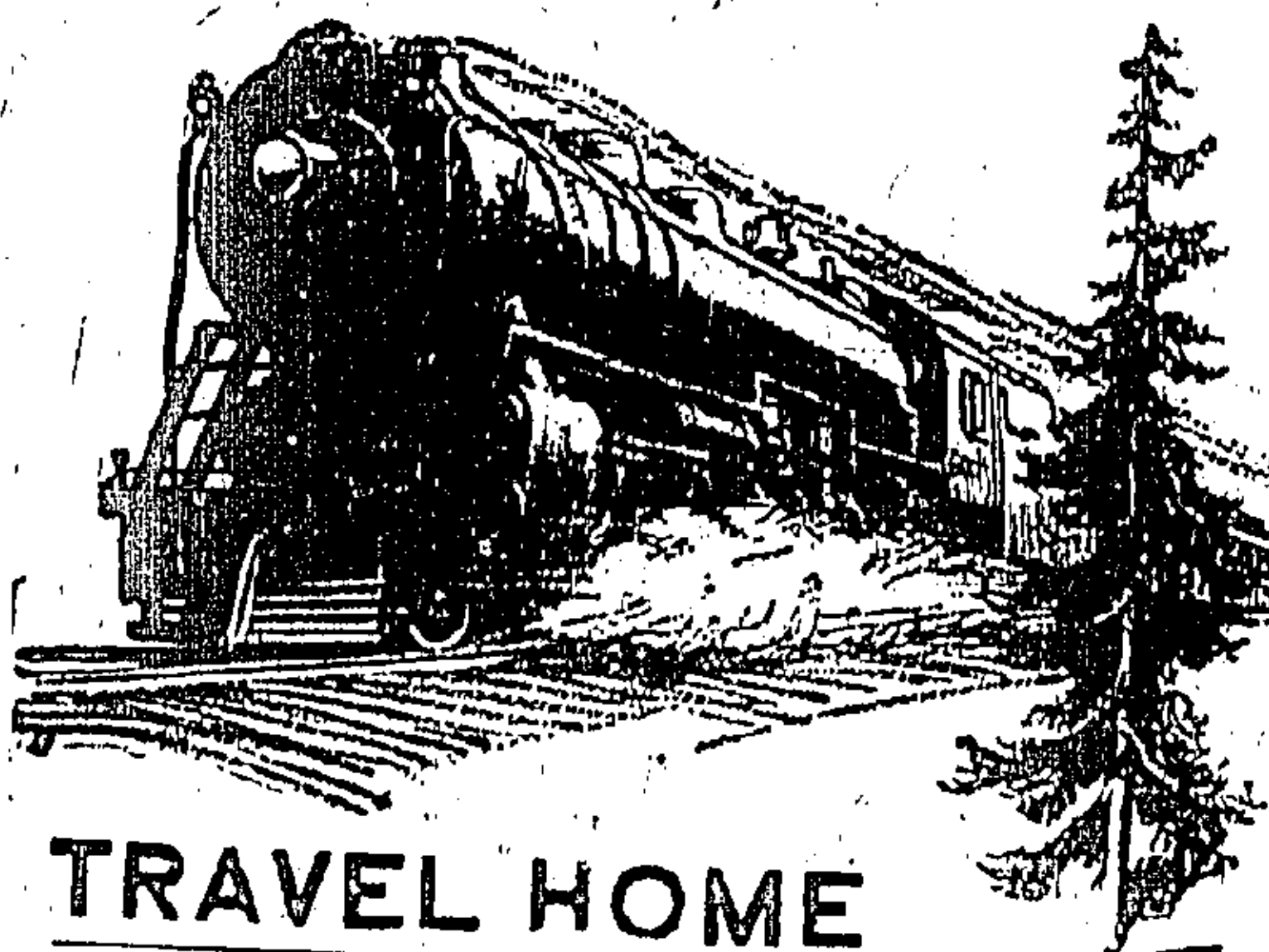
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A CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM.
**PAYMENT FOR EXTRA
 BUILDING WORK.**
Chinese Widow Realists Claim.

A Chinese contractor was plaintiff in an action in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon when he claimed from Chiu King the sum of \$1,062 for work done and materials supplied. Plaintiff firm was the Kwong Nam Woo Co., the claim being in connection with the building of two houses at New Kowloon, the odd \$62 being waived to bring the case within Summary Court jurisdiction.

Mr. W. D. Owen was for plaintiff and defendant appeared in person. Mr. Owen said the matter arose out of a contract to build two new houses. The amount claimed was for extra work done outside the contract. This extra work was done for the safety of the building and instructions for this extra work were given by the defendant's husband who had since died. Defendant was now the owner of the premises. She said she did not consent to the work being done and therefore would not pay. The amount of the contract had been paid. The husband at all times had signed and acted as agent for the defendant, his wife.

Owner or Executrix.
 The contract was called for by His Honour Mr. Justice Wood, who remarked that it was not signed by the deceased man as agent and suggested that plaintiff should have proceeded against defendant as executrix.

Ng Kam, superintendent of works to plaintiff firm, stated that the extra work consisted of piling and concrete and cement work to strengthen the foundation of the houses, which were on a hill side. He was ordered to do the work by the architect. Defendant's husband paid visits several times and approved of what was done. The amount was \$1,000, the odd sum being waived.

Defendant said her late husband agreed to pay \$11,000 for the completion of the two houses and if extra work had to be done by the contractors then it was up to them to pay.

After further evidence by plaintiff His Honour nonsuited them with costs.

CRICKET.**AUSTRALIAN TEST TRIAL.**

Sydney, Dec. 8.
 In a Test trial, the first beat Australia by 156 runs.

The Test, in their first innings compiled 380 runs (Macartney 84, Victor Richardson 56, Kelleway 99 not out), and in their second innings declared at 298 for nine wickets (Bardsley 54, Loe 54). Hendry, in the second innings, took five wickets for 56 runs.

Australia scored 226 (Collins 102) and 296 (Gregory 100, Collins 81). In the first innings Arthur Richardson took four wickets for 49 runs, and in the second Grimmett secured five for 91 and Blackie four for 71. —*Reuter.*

CHINA'S EX-EMPEROR.**SERIOUSLY ILL AT TIENTSIN.**

Shanghai, Dec. 8.—According to news received from Tientsin, Hsuan Tung, the deposed Emperor of China, is seriously ill, suffering from tuberculosis, at the Japanese Hospital. His doctor reports that there is little hope of recovery. —*Wah Kiu Yat Po.*

CATHEDRAL ORGAN FUND.
**SECOND CONCERT THIS
 EVENING.**

The second concert of a series of six to be given in the Cathedral Hall in aid of the St. John's Organ Fund, will take place this evening at 6 p.m. An excellent vocal and instrumental programme has been prepared, in which Mrs. M. Minney (soprano), Mr. H. Edwin Gardner (tenor), Mr. Li Chor-chi (baritone) and the Hongkong Male Voice Choir will appear. Mrs. Stanley Collett and Mr. Frederick Mason will be at the piano.

The programme is as follows:
 1—(a) Eldorado Piazzi
 (b) Serenade Bucci
 The Male Voice Choir.
 2—(a) Berceuse Jocelyn
 (b) Elegie Massenet
 Mr. Li Chor-chi.
 3—(a) Ah! Moon of my delight
 (From "In a Persian Garden")
 Lehmann

Mrs. Minney.
 4—(a) Onaway, Awake, Beloved
 (b) To Mary Valerie White
 Mr. Gardner.
 5—(a) The Midnight Guard Grey
 (b) Rest, Dearest, rest Kucken
 (c) The long day closes Sullivan
 The Male Voice Choir.
 6—(a) Siciliano Mascagni
 (b) At Dawning Cadmus

Mr. Li Chor-chi.
 7—(a) There's a whisper in the air Brahe
 (b) The Little Damozel Novelle
 Mrs. Minney.
 8—(a) Departure AM.
 (b) A Franklin's Doggie
 MacKenzie
 (c) O peaceful night German
 The Male Voice Choir.
 9—(a) The Sun-God William James
 (b) An Interlude Easthope Martin
 Mr. Gardner.

HIS EXCELLENCY ALOFT.**INSPECTION OF THE BORDER FROM THE AIR.**

His Excellency the Governor personally inspected the frontier of the New Territory from the air on Monday afternoon last. Five seaplanes left H.M.S. Hermes at about 2.30 p.m., took up formation over Castle Peak at a height of 5,000 feet, and then flew along the British side of the frontier to Sha Tau-kok and back to Hongkong.

Visual communication was established with the standing picquets en route, and the formation broke up for landing independently when over West Point. Ideal flying conditions and excellent visibility helped the purpose of the flight, and much of value was observed.

GOLF.**THE CAPTAIN'S CUP.**

In the Captain's Cup qualifying competition, played at Fanling on December 5th-7th, A. H. Ferguson, 79-4=75, qualified.

J. L. Shellshear, 89-9=80, won the optional pool (9 entries). The following will play off for the Captain's Cup:—T. C. Monaghan, A. O. Brawn, I. W. Shewan, J. Smith, D. G. Bruce, J. M. Walker, W. W. Mackenzie, A. H. Ferguson, Col. R. A. Dobbin and F. G. Walker will not be present.

There was no competition in July and August.

The Match Play Stages.

W. W. Mackenzie plays D. G. Bruce.
 A. H. Ferguson plays J. Smith.
 T. C. Monaghan plays J. M. Walker.
 I. W. Shewan plays A. O. Brawn.

ARMED ROBBERY.
**ATTACK IN EARLY HOURS OF
 MORNING.**

So Cheun, aged 24, a clerk living at 108 Kau Lung Chai, has reported to the police that an armed robbery took place at his premises in the early hours of yesterday morning. It appears he was sleeping in the cockpit of the house with his younger brother, aged seven. His grandmother was in the sitting room on the ground floor, and at about 12.30 a.m. she awakened him.

He went downstairs, and when he opened the door of the sitting room he was confronted by two men armed with revolvers. They forced him to return upstairs to the cockpit and enjoined him to keep quiet. The two men ransacked the house, while two other robbers who appeared on the scene forced his grandmother into a cubicle.

About half an hour later, after the robbers had left, the occupants searched the house and found that jewellery, including rings, watches and bracelets, along with other articles, to a total value of \$260, had been stolen. The robbers had entered the house by forcing the front door.

All four men made good their escape.

SENSATION ON STEAMER.
**ATTEMPT ON CANTON
 GENERAL.**

Lieutenant General Hong Changling, partisan of Chen Chung-ming, en route from Canton to Hunan, was shot aboard the President Pierce last evening as the ship was nearing Woosung, by a Cantonese cabin boy, who entered the General's cabin and discharged five shots point blank. The General was hit in the nose, abdomen and arm and was sent to hospital. It is believed he will recover. The cabin boy committed suicide. The motive is believed to be political. —*Reuter.*

PASSENGERS.**ARRIVED.**

Per s.s. Empress of Asia from Manila, Dec. 8.—Mr. Buscombe, Mr. & Mrs. Lockyer, Mr. & Mrs. Conrad, Miss Best, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. H. Benson, Mr. Francis H. Garrett, Mr. J. Coulthart, Mrs. L. H. Garlington, Mr. Ernest Sachs, Mr. & Mrs. D. Templeton, Mr. & Mrs. Ting Sun Po. Per s.s. Taiyo Maru from San Francisco via ports, December 7.—Dr. H. R. Allen, Mrs. H. R. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Swan, Miss A. Swan, Mrs. J. E. Daly, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Gaylord, Miss M. L. Hegardt, Mr. W. H. Nicely, Mrs. S. E. Thomas, Mrs. M. Zech, Miss L. Zech, Mr. F. Noguchi, Mrs. F. Noguchi, Mr. F. W. Frank, Lt. Col. F. G. F. Gerald, Mr. B. K. Lam, Mr. T. Noda, Mrs. T. Noda, Mast. S. Noda, Mr. Dan Kien Po, Mr. K. Shimokawa, Mrs. K. Shimokawa, Mast. K. Shimokawa, Mast. M. Shimokawa, Mast. J. Shimokawa, Mr. W. K. Ho, Mrs. Hung Au Sze, Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. P. S. King, Mr. S. T. Liong, Mr. Y. P. Lien, Mr. T. H. Lien, Maj. M. Lymbery, Mr. M. V. Merle, Mr. M. Niehammer, Dr. G. Niehammer, Mr. W. Z. Wu.

A Sydney message says during the final of the light car handicap race at Newcastle, N. S. W., a car travelling at 70 miles an hour bounded into the crowd as a result of which one man was killed and 25 persons injured. Nine had to be conveyed to hospital.

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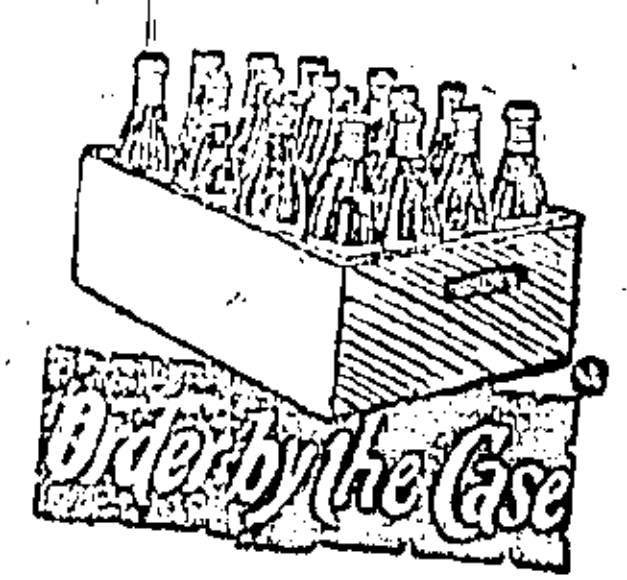
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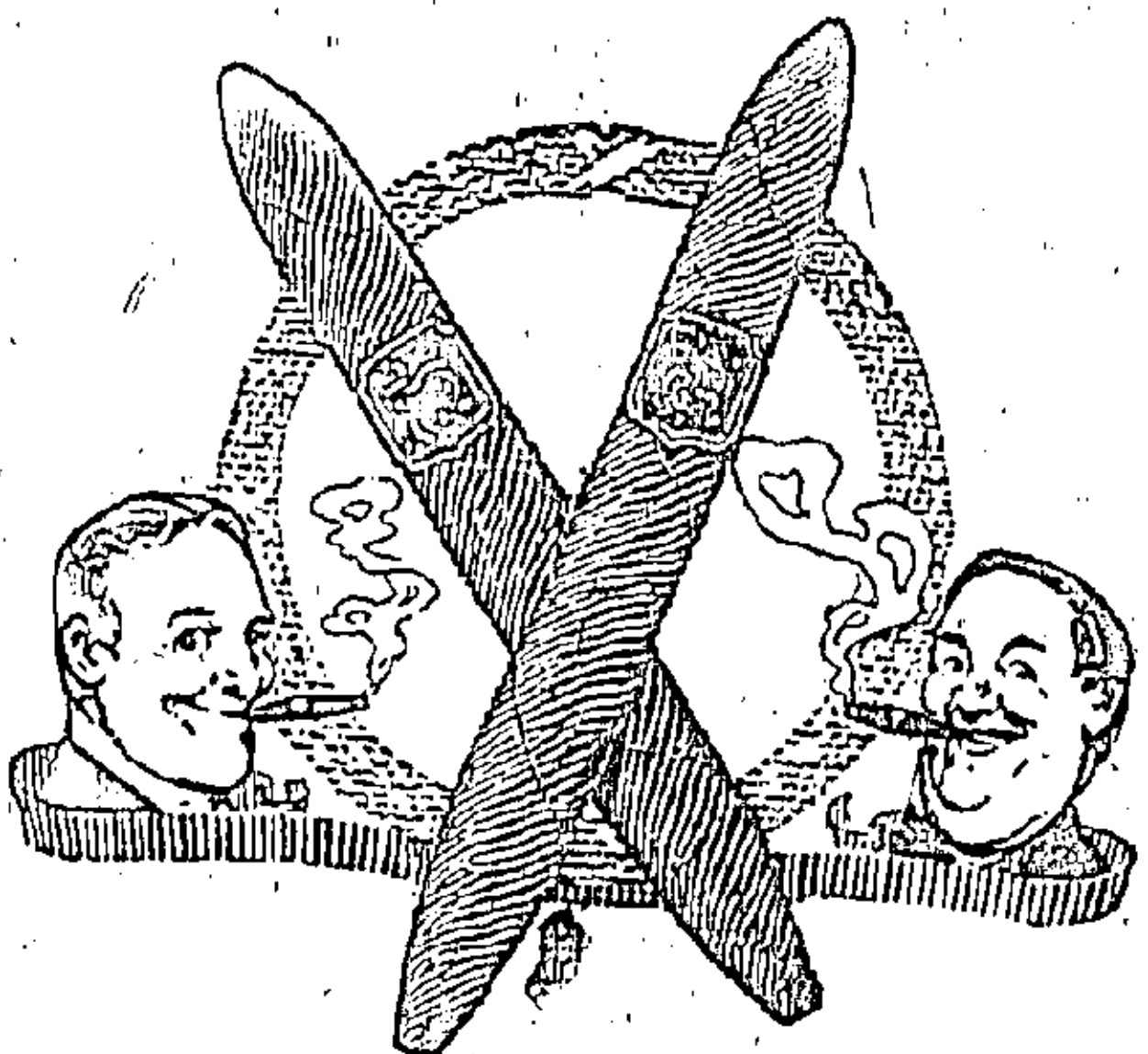
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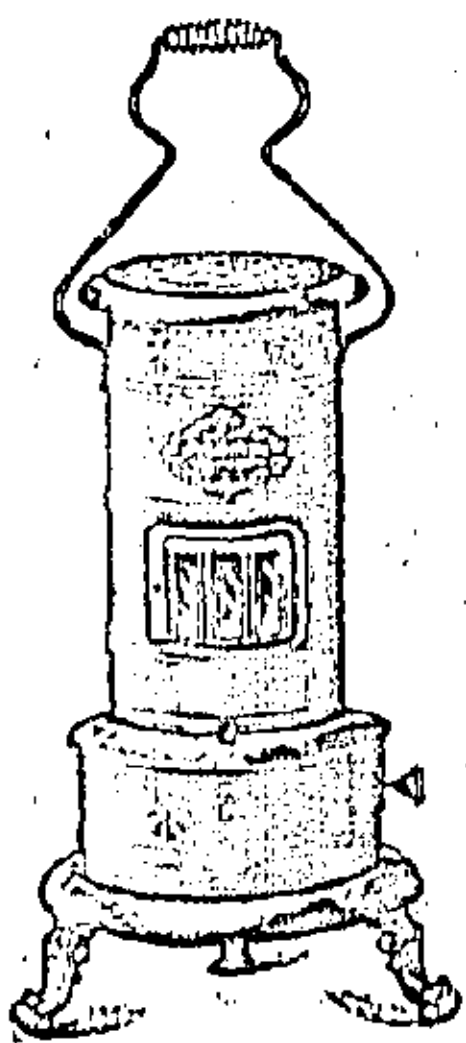
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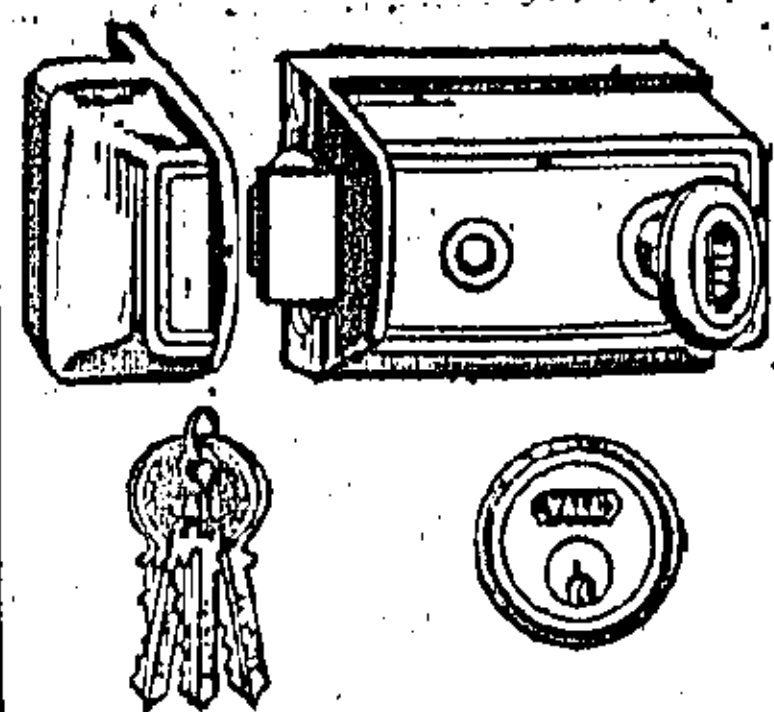
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The Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9, 1925.

THE WIRELESS STRIKE.

As a shipping port of world-wide importance, Hongkong is vitally interested in the strike of wireless operators which is now taking place in England. Hongkong itself is, happily, not affected because none of the wireless operators of the striking Union or Association are signed on locally but are all signed on at Home. And an undertaking has been given that the operators will not strike whilst on a voyage but only when the ships reach their Home port. The latest news, received by telegram yesterday, stated that over 700 operators had joined the strike up to date, and that 25 passenger and 124 cargo boats had been allowed to sail without wireless operators. By certain Board of Trade regulations the carrying of wireless operators on ships of a certain size out of Britain is compulsory, and it is because the Government has allowed a relaxation of these regulations and, by allowing boats to sail as usual has robbed the wireless operators' strike of its urgency aspect, that it will have earned the censorious criticism of the Trade Union and Labour movement as a whole. Every right thinking man must support the general contention that ships should normally carry wireless. We have often urged it here, especially in connection with river and coastal passenger boats which have been hitherto the easy and favourite prey of pirates. Comparatively few of the shipping companies of Britain employ their wireless men but procure them through purely wireless concerns such as Marconi and the Radio company. It is the men of the purely wireless concerns who are now out on strike as a protest against a proposal for the reduction of wages, and it can therefore be argued that as the strike is nothing at all to do with the shipping companies but is between the wireless operators and their direct employers it would be unfair if ships were laid up indefinitely as a result of action wholly outside the sphere of the ship-owners. The Government has, apparently, realised this and has relaxed for the time being the Board of Trade regulations re-

garding wireless equipment and personnel. Although one agrees with the action as being the better of the courses—either a relaxation of regulations or the idling of shipping—one cannot help viewing with some misgiving the fact that 25 passenger ships and 124 cargo boats which otherwise would have had the advantages and protection of wireless are now at sea without such advantages and protection.

One wonders when will come that time of mutual toleration between employers and employed that will lead to the exploration of every possible avenue of agreement before a strike or lock-out becomes an actuality. In the present case we find that the employers summarily gave notice that wages were going to be reduced and, on the other hand, the Union summarily gives notice that as a protest and in order to prevent such reduction it will call the employees out on strike. Things go on until the strike becomes an actual fact, and the Government has to come to the rescue of ship-owners and save their boats from enforced idleness by relaxing regulations designed for the safety of lives at sea. The whole shipping and mercantile community is thus suffering because of arbitrary action on the part of employers and employees in but a small section of it. The viciousness and harmfulness of strikes is in this instance very clearly demonstrated.

The Water Supply.

Once again, commencing with to-day, has it become necessary to restrict the supply of water in what are known as the rider main districts. At first sight, this may appear somewhat strange in view of the fact that the population of the Colony is probably not so large as it was a year ago, whilst the rainfall for the past eleven months has been higher than the average for this period. But there are other factors also to be taken into account, notably the contents of the Colony's reservoirs. Analysing the latest figures to hand, we find that almost without exception there is less water in our reservoirs than was the case a year ago, the most notable instance being at Tytam, where the reading on the 1st of this month showed that the water was more than 34 feet below overflow, as compared with about eight feet last year. Taking all the Hongkong reservoirs into account, we observe that there are 349 million gallons less in hand than was the case on the same date in 1924; whilst in Kowloon there is a shrinkage of 13 million gallons, despite the fact that there are nearly 86 million gallons in storage at the Shek Lai Pui reservoir, which a year ago did not exist. The rainfall figures are somewhat deceptive, for although it is true that we are at present above the average in this respect, the total fall for the eleven months of this year is some ten inches below the figure for the same period in 1924. The authorities we may be sure, do not put the Colony on restricted supply except when this is considered absolutely necessary. In November of last year the supply was curtailed, but for the same month this year no restrictions were applied, so that consumers have at least that consolation. Under normal conditions, no great amount of rain is to be expected for some months to come, and thus it becomes necessary to conserve what water we have. But we look to the day when the big schemes now in hand will make it quite unnecessary to curtail supplies during any part of the year.

Watching Russia.

With the object of steering clear of any unnecessary bias, we have always looked very carefully at both sides of reports dealing with events in Russia under its Soviet regime. We have no doubt that many accounts about Russian affairs are coloured by the prejudices of the correspondents concerned, either in making events appear worse than they are, or in glossing over various Soviet shortcomings. However, we have never had the least doubt that the state of affairs in Russia is still far from ideal, though something has been done to improve the horrible conditions of a few

DAY BY DAY.

DEATH IS A COMMINGLING OF ETERNITY WITH TIME; IN THE DEATH OF A GOOD MAN, ETERNITY IS SEEN LOOKING THROUGH TIME.—Goethe.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 2s. 4.7/16d.

Lieut. G. C. Pawns, R.A., has rejoined his unit in Hongkong from recruiting duty in India.

Among those returning to the Colony by the s.s. Antenor to-day are Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse.

We have to acknowledge a handy diary and calendar issued by the P. & O. and British India Companies.

Two boatmistresses were fined \$3 at the Marine Court to-day for mooring outside five others alongside the s.s. Taiyo Maru.

The only cases of notifiable disease reported last week were three Chinese occurrences of typhoid fever. Two proved fatal.

Capt. and Mrs. C. E. Lugard, East Surrey Regiment, Major A. L. Littlejohns, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., and the Rev. R. J. Northcott and Mrs. Northcott have left for Home.

Major A. L. Cruickshank, D.S.O., and Mrs. Cruickshank, Capt. L. W. Bennet, Lieut. R. J. Richards and Lieut. F. A. Henslowe, O.B.E., have left the Colony for India.

The master of the s.s. Scotsburg this morning reported irregularities in the flashes of the light on Lemmar Island. There was an interval he states between two flashes of 85 seconds.

The Observatory reports that the monsoon is interrupted to the north of Amoy and has moderated over the China Sea. The forecast is:—N.E. winds, moderate; generally overcast, some drizzle or mist.

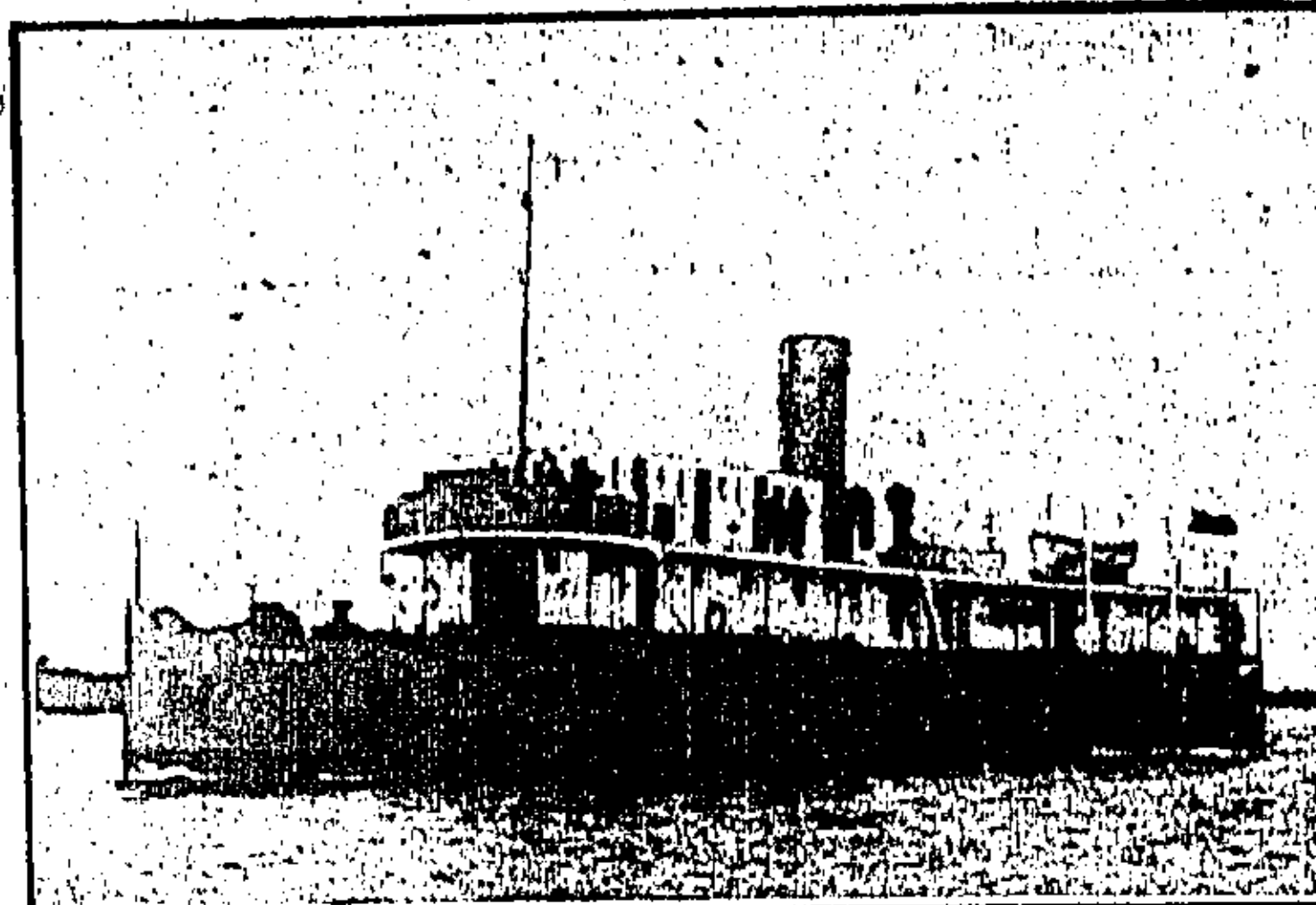
For having kerosene on board whilst lying alongside the seawall at Yaumati, a junk master was fined \$10 this morning. The offence was that of having dangerous goods on board in other than a dangerous goods anchorage.

The November issue of the *Far Eastern Review* is of considerable interest. Among the excellent illustrated articles is one entitled "The Need for Testing Materials of Construction used in the Far East." It has special reference to two recent local disasters, those at Happy Valley and Po Hing Fong, and is written by Professor C. A. Middleton Smith of Hongkong University.

Canada with a population of 9,200,000 and 597,000 passenger motor vehicles ranks next to the United States in the ratio of motor cars to population. The United Kingdom, with 567,000 cars ranks third, followed by France with 460,000; Germany 154,000; Sweden 49,000; Denmark, 32,000; Holland, 20,000; Norway, 15,000.

years ago and considerable order is being developed out of previous chaos. We have also no delusions as to the ultimate aim of the Soviet system, which is to subordinate the whole world to its peculiar, warped form of administration. All the world is watching Russia, and current events in the Far East are emphasising the necessity for this watchfulness. Hence we can easily imagine the great interest which is likely to be taken in the report sent to the London *Daily Telegraph* by its Riga correspondent, and published in a Reuter telegram yesterday. The average reader will conjure up visions of a Russian invasion of China, and possibly a Bolshevik union of the "Reds" of the realms of the bear and the dragon. But this seems to us a case for caution in accepting reports at their face value, or jumping to conclusions. We doubt whether even a crazy Moscow extremist would be so mad as to attempt the one thing that would immediately bring intervention by the Powers into being. Soviet Russia still needs careful watching, but it will take a great deal more than activity by her arsenal to make our flesh creep. Her gradual closing in on Manchuria and Mongolia is to be expected, and might be found feasible while the Chinese are being cleverly distracted into an anti-foreign outburst. At the worst, the Soviet Government might merely be seizing the opportunity for lucrative sales of munitions to the warring factions of China.

RIVER BOAT'S LONG RUN.



Above is the s.s. Fushun, built for the Yangtze service by Messrs. J. I. Thornycroft and Co., which arrived in Hongkong on Saturday direct from Southampton. She is of only 328 tons register, with a draught of five feet, and she made the run out in fifty-seven days' steaming.

TREE-PLANTING AT TAIPO.



Mrs. Clementi is here seen planting a tree in the market square at Taiipo on Saturday last, on the occasion of the welcome extended to His Excellency the Governor by elders of the village. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

CANTON UNIVERSITY.

NEW CHANCELLOR ASSUMES OFFICE.

A report from Canton states that on Chan Kung-pok assuming the post of Acting Chancellor of the Kwangtung University, on the 2nd inst., only a few members of the Faculty gave him a welcome, and over seventy of the professors and instructors, and other members of the staff, carried out their threat to resign in a body on the day of his assumption of office. It is further stated that Chang Kung-pok intends to recommend the Government to take strong action against those who have left the University service without giving notice. In the course of his inaugural address, he said there were several important matters which he wished to carry out during his tenure of office, and the first was a night school for those who could not spare the time and money to be regular students. This would entail additional expense in employing ten more instructors, but it was gratifying to him to inform the University that sufficient money had been promised by three or four of the big concerns, such as the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, the Water Works, Electric Light Company and the Railways, for seven chairs, and for three remaining chairs he hoped to obtain funds from other large companies. His second object was to enlarge the University's library, so as to permit the public to make use of it, and in the third place he wanted the University to work with the Government in all questions of finance and economics. Lastly, he desired the establishment of a lecturing department to which men of high repute and expert knowledge could be invited to give the benefit of their knowledge on special subjects to the students.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST STRAITS PRICES.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have received a cable from Singapore intimating that the rubber market is now a little stronger and quoting the following sales to Hongkong:—
Alor Gajahs \$ 3.85
Ayer Panas \$16.50
Brogas \$ 2.15
Collinsburgh \$ 5.75
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SERVICES CRICKET.

ARMY MEETS NAVY.

The Army and Navy met in a cricket match on the H.K.C.C. ground to-day, play commencing shortly after ten o'clock. Batting first, the Army began knocking up runs slowly but steadily, and at the fifth adjournment they had scored, apart from extras, 246 runs for the loss of seven wickets. The details were as follows:
Q.M.S. Fritz, c. Lake, b. Halsey 12
Q.M.S. Stripp, l.b.w., b. Halsey 0
Capt. Armstrong, b. Halsey 27
Capt. Bridgeland, b. Beatty 20
Capt. Kent, c. Hussey, b. Beatty 16
Capt. Morris, b. Lake 95
Capt. Warters, c. Hussey, b. Lake 0
Major Hattersley-Smith, not out 63
Major Pollard, not out 13
Play was in progress as we went to press.

UNCHARTED ROCK.

LOSS OF THE "SHENG LEE."

Dairen, Nov. 24.—The Ching Koo Steamship Co.'s s.s. Sheng Lee, 613 tons, left Antung on the 19th inst. with 20 Chinese passengers and cargo for Chofoo. On the 30th inst., she touched at Chuangho near the north-eastern borders of Kwantung Leased Territory where she loaded 360 tons of wild cocoons. On the 21st inst., in the dense fog, she ran aground on an uncharted sunken rock off Shih-chong Island at 7.30 p.m. She was rendered helpless. Luckily, another steamer of the firm, Hung Lee, which happened to be passing by, came to her rescue and took in her crew of 41, besides the passengers. The "Sheng Lee" put in Dairen that night. The Sheng Lee had a large aperture ripped open in the bow, and went down.

On the following day, Sunday, the Captain of the Sheng Lee with his officers, accompanied by a few engineers of the Manchuria Dock Co., Dairen, set out in the tug Yento Maru for the scene of shipwreck.

The sunken rock, that caused the disaster, was at 9 ft. of water at the low tide when the Sheng Lee ran thereupon.—M.D.N.

Major F. S. Fowler, in a lecture to the London Zoological Society, reported that a catfish in the private aquarium of the Duke of Bedford is now 50 years old. This, however, is believed to be an unusual age for a fish. Major Fowler gives these figures as averages: carp, 13 years, gold fish, 12, brown trout, 6, herring, 4, and salmon, 3.

PLAY AND PLAYERS.

CIVILIAN FOOTBALLERS.

By "Wanderer."

When the Lai Wah Cup matches for the present season were the subject of discussion in official football circles a few weeks back, it was generally accepted that the match between the Army and the Civilians would be regarded as being in the nature of a preliminary Interport trial.

The Civilians team has been selected and one is reluctantly forced to the conclusion that Hongkong is lamentably short of civilian players of outstanding merit. The defence is pretty sound, but the forwards, with no reference to any particular player or players, is lamentably weak. If Gosano is placed on one side until he has been given a chance of proving himself in a real test, there is not an Interport player in the line and their prospects against the Army defence are decidedly remote.

Gosano was last Saturday opposed by Sims, the Kowloon ex-Army player. Centre-forwards have been rendered impotent by the opposing defender previously this season, but I have not seen a player tied down so effectively as was Gosano against Kowloon.

Taylor, the Civilian right-winger, is in serious danger of losing his place in the Kowloon side. Rocha has never yet touched his Second Division form of a year ago, Hayes, Brown Simpson and Key are left-wingers of about equal merit, which is not being exaggeratedly congratulatory. Forsyth is probably the best Civilian inside right who regularly occupies that position for the simple and sole reason that neither in civil nor military life have we an inside-right of Interport ability.

The teams for Saturday are: Civilians: Rodger (Club); Wynne (Police); Bishop (Club); Watson (Club left half); Stewart (Club); McKelvie (Kowloon); Taylor (Kowloon); Forsyth (Club); Gosano (Recreio); Rocha (Recreio) and Simpson (Police).

Army: Stanton (R. A.); Cooper and Jordan; McGreavey (Surreys); (R. A. M. C. and Kowloon) Bristowe; Charlesworth, Mitchell, Humberstone, Butler, and Muckleworth (Surreys).

It has been decided to replay the game Navy v. Chinese on December 19th at Sookpoo if the ground is available and it is to be hoped that all league fixtures will not be cancelled on that date as was done on the occasion of their first meeting and as is to be done on Saturday, perhaps with some justification. The proceeds are to be split into three parts and distributed to the Submarine M. Disaster Fund, the Canton Hospital and the Interport expense account.

H.K.B.A. AND CARLIDGE

It having now been definitely settled that the Hermes will remain in Hongkong over Christmas and into January, once again the much-discussed, perhaps over-discussed, proposal of matching Stoker Morris and C. P. O. Jim Carlidge comes into the public eye.

The public would like to see the fight, that is undoubted, but while Carlidge adopts the uncompromising attitude that he requires a guarantee of \$500 win, lose or draw, the same public will have to go unsatisfied.

I can state with full knowledge that the Association would be prepared to consider the provision of a larger purse than that offered in the press a few days ago, but I can also state with equal knowledge that the Association is not going to run round the village with its offers.

It can be taken for granted that the Association will not consider a win-lose-draw figure for Carlidge, and it is plainly up to him to find out himself what his prospects of fighting under the auspices of the Association are, if he wants a fight at all. I made the suggestion last week that the fight was worth \$800 as an attraction, the purse to be split, \$500 to go to the winner and \$300 to the loser.

I scarcely see how Carlidge can complain at the receipt of \$300 if he fights Morris and loses, and should he win there will be that figure which he seems unable to eradicate from his mind, \$500, waiting for him.

Morris is willing to fight for less, but it needs no erudite essayist to point out his reason

for a split purse. His reputation bears up under the ray of publicity as that of Jim Carlidge and he is not to be blamed for declining to go into the ring with the certainty of getting the main end of the purse without his reference to the result.

The next tournament of the Association is due to materialise on Christmas Eve, and a little bird whispers that all hope of a Morris-Ewin bout need not be surrendered. If this welterweight bout comes off, it is only as it should be. Morris and Ewin are both professional boxers. Morris is said to be the better of the two. He has had one fight and that a second-rater, while Ewin has been given a cut at the championship and has won it. Morris is the only logical contender for his crown, but the fly in the ointment is the fact that both men are from the Hermes.

The Jules Michelet arrives tomorrow and on board is Naegelin, a flyweight star. Bowles beat Rogers on Saturday and though he is three pounds over Naegelin's stated limit (he is 114 lbs. but is willing I understand to fight up to 121 lbs.), I think he could make the weight. Bowles did splendidly against Rogers and the bout would be a most attractive one if it is possible to arrange.

MOST UNUSUAL.

Did you ever hear of a jockey riding two horses in the same race? Not.

Well it happened recently, in France. The name of the acrobatic jockey was Herve. He was on the favourite when the barrier was sprung, was astride a rank outsider when he finished.

Fourteen horses were sent away by the starter in a feature steeplechase event. At one of the difficult jumps, Herve on Meissonier, the favourite, and three other horses fell.

All four jockeys were badly stunned, but Herve, least of all, he was able to extricate himself from the scrimmage and jumped upon the nearest horse.

It so happened that one of the horses that fell greatly resembled Herve's mount. He started in earnest after the rest of the field which had run into a big lead because of the accident.

The shouts of the crowd brought him to a realization of the fact that he was now riding Souvenir, a 15-1 shot. He then pulled up and rode dejectedly into the paddock.

The experience of the French jockey Herve recalls to memory a story related to me some two or three years ago in relation to a somewhat similar happening that befell Johnny Kilbane, former featherweight champion of the world.

At the time Johnny was just an ordinary second-rater. Kilbane had been doing some excellent fighting around Cleveland and Dunn, his manager, was anxious that he get a chance in the east.

Johnny Mooney, then manager of the Army A. A. of Boston, one of the biggest fight clubs in America agreed to put Kilbane on with a rising featherweight by the name of Bobby Tickle.

Tickle lived about 50 miles from Boston, and he motored over. His party experienced tyre trouble and when the time came for the Tickle-Kilbane bout, the former was not to be found.

A chap by the name of Dyson was substituted. After two rounds of fighting, with Dyson in a bad way, word was brought to the ringside that Tickle had arrived.

The bout was stopped, Tickle was hurried into the ring and Kilbane started all over again. He decisively outpointed Tickle in 10 rounds.

Kilbane's unusual debut and his brilliant showing in a pugilistic double event, made him an immediate favourite in Boston. He remained so until the end of his career.

MULTUM IN PARVO.

The moral of Ewin's fight on Saturday all depends on the point of view.

The arrival of winter must be a welcome relief for tennis champions. Bill Tilden can now go back to work and rest.

The most remarkable tribute that can be paid to boxing is that it still flourishes in spite of all the

MANCHURIA MIRACLE.

BISHOP'S POWER AFTER DEATH.

"The Russian Voice" of Harbin is in receipt of an interesting story connected with the recent death of Bishop Jonah at Manchuria station.

The story runs as follows: "There is much talk going on among believers at the Manchuria station about miraculous healing of a 10 years old boy, Dergachoff.

The miracle is connected with the name of the recently deceased Bishop Jonah.

"A ten years old boy, Dergachoff was suffering with inflammation of both knee joints. In the beginning of the illness the boy was treated by Dr. Lyapustin. Some time afterward, when pain had been relieved, but the legs still had remained contracted as well as swollen, an assistant surgeon, Bieloff, was in charge of the boy.

"The boy was unable to stand upright, let alone to walk. In such a condition he remained just on the eve of Bishop Jonah's death, this fact being witnessed by Bieloff who visited the boy on that day.

"In the night after the Bishop's burial the sick boy dreamed: 'The Bishop comes up to him and says: 'There... take my legs, they are of no use to me any longer, and let me have your own.' The boy awoke, stood up on his feet and went to the door leading to kitchen crying: 'Mother, mother, open the door!'

"The mother hearing him cry rushed to the door and saw her son stepping through the door. He told her his dream describing the Bishop, the latter's garments—all just the same as he had worn.

"On the same day the mother accompanied the boy to an evening memorial service for the Bishop. After the service the boy prayed kneeling at the grave of the Bishop and stood up-right himself. The mother told about the miracle to some by-standing people and these, started asking the boy whether he had seen the Bishop. He answered he had but did not remember distinctly how Bishop Jonah had been looking.

"Then the portrait of the Bishop was brought, the boy looked at it and moved with emotion cried: 'He, he!'

"Dr. Lyapustin on learning the event sent immediately to his residence the assistant-surgeon Bieloff who corroborated that the boy is not only walking but even running.

"REDS" IN SHANGHAI.

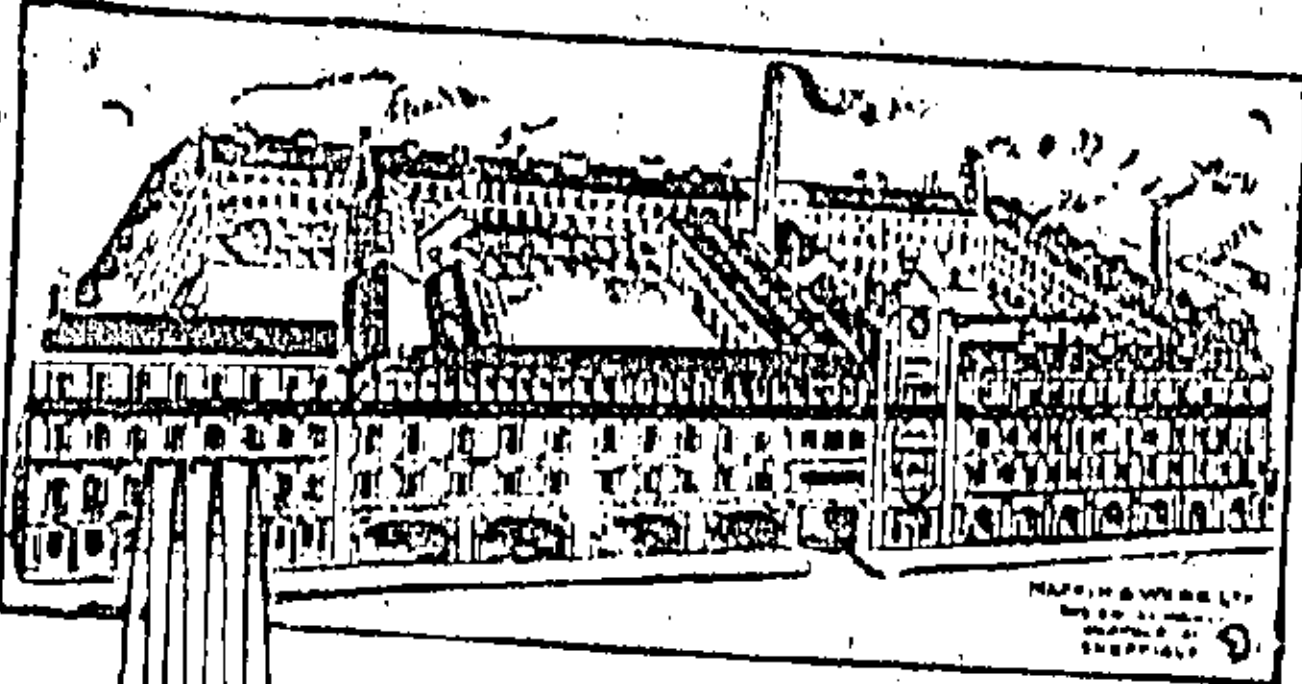
RECRUITING FOR CANTON ACADEMY.

Happenings during the general strike leave no room for doubt that a considerable number of Communist sympathizers took a prominent part in the movement, says the Acting Commissioner of Police, Shanghai, in his October report. These were probably disappointed at the comparative failure of the campaign, and are anxious to make preparations for a renewal of the struggle. Efforts in this direction include schemes to reestablish the organizations which were closed in Chinese territory and plans for the opening of workers' schools in industrial districts. One academy of this class is located at No. 4647 Robinson Road, and another in the Wen Chih University, 115 Ichang Road. The vigour of the pro-Communist movement is also illustrated by appeals in the Shanghai Chinese newspapers for middle school boys of good physique to enter the Chinese Kuomintang Military Academy in Canton, and an increase in Bolshevik influence in Honan, whose army now includes a large Russian detachment. Local Communists of the intellectual class are credited with a desire to form military organizations among local students and mill workers.

Things, boxers boxing commissions etc. do to help it along.

Consistency is the chief virtue of most boxers. They can always be relied upon to do the wrong thing at the right time.

Jack Dempsey was recently mobbed by enthusiastic admirers in Mexico. It is really a wonderful thing how these brother bull tossers stand together, though probably the ovation could be accepted at the usual rate of exchange that is to say, a discount of at least 85 per cent.



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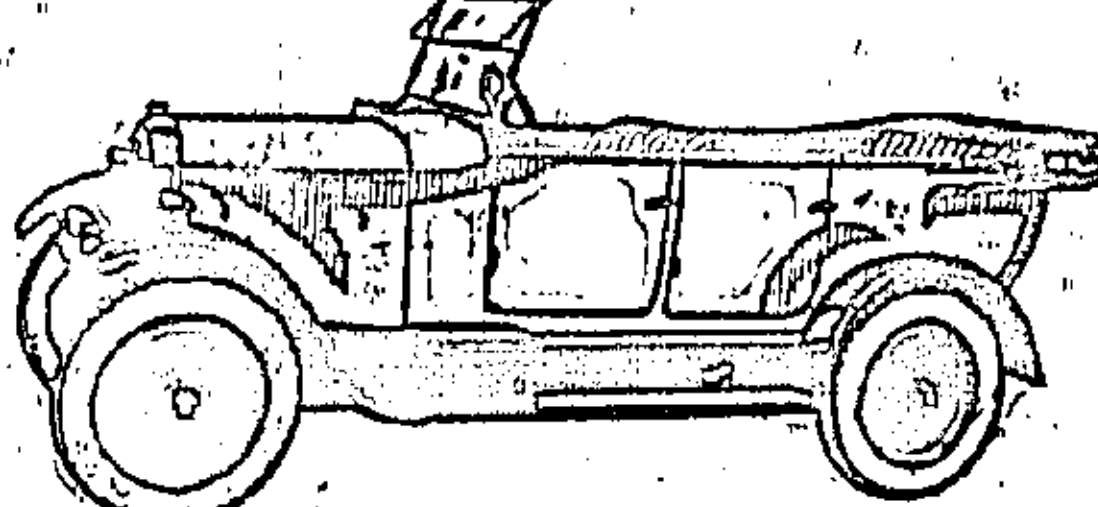
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Geneva, Dec. 8. The League of Nations Council has agreed to the formation of a preparatory Committee for a Disarmament Conference. It is supposed that Germany, the United States and Russia will be invited to participate. The British reservations include the problem of fixing the proportion of armaments of each country and the effective value in case of war of a country's peace-time armaments.—Reuter.

The Canadian Pacific Railway will construct an extension from the Angliers terminal of the International and James Bay Railway, according to official information received here. Work will start, if not next year, at least, before 1928. The line, it is stated, will follow the Colonization Road which has been built by the Department of Mines and will extend about forty miles.

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TO-DAY'S HEALTH TALK.

HOW TO PREVENT RHEUMATISM.

(By Dr. H. S. Cumming for the Telegraph.)

Rheumatism is a disease of popular interest because it is of frequent occurrence and it affects persons of all ages, classes, and occupations.

Acute rheumatism, acute articular rheumatism, inflammatory rheumatism, and rheumatic fever are terms applied to one and the same disease. A milder form of the infection is called sub-acute rheumatism.

Sub-acute rheumatism may continue for a long time and become chronic. Chronic rheumatism, and the different affections and deformities of the joints to which this term is frequently applied, may develop quite independently of any acute or sub-acute attack.

Several different diseases, in reality, are included under the term rheumatism.

Physicians are now inclined to disregard the word rheumatism and instead attach a name to the condition that more accurately describes it, for example, an acute inflammation of the joints is referred to by physicians now as acute arthritis or rheumatic fever, meaning a general condition accompanied by fever and inflamed joints.

Rheumatism affects particularly the joints and muscles or both.

The term muscular rheumatism indicates an affection of the muscles as distinguished from joint affections. Lumbago and stiff neck are varieties of muscular rheumatism.

May Follow Tonsillitis.

Rheumatism may be an after-effect of an attack of certain diseases, such as tonsillitis, scarlet fever, typhoid fever or other disease, or injuries to the joints, also it may be caused by a focus of pus or disease germs in certain parts of the body.

This latter condition is known as a focal infection. A focal infection means that somewhere in the body there is an infected tissue, the seat of disease germs, and the poisons from this spot are being constantly absorbed by the blood.

Common examples of focal infection are diseased tonsils, a chronically diseased appendix, hemorrhoids or a tooth with a pocket of pus in the root.

Prolonged exposure to wet, or cold weather, may be a contributing factor in producing rheumatism.

The common complication of certain forms of rheumatism is the damaging effect upon the valves of the heart.

Acute rheumatism or rheumatic fever is a comparatively common disease in all climates within the temperate zone.

It occurs chiefly during the winter and spring months.

Exposure to a cold, damp atmosphere is one of the most frequent causes in persons predisposed to the disease.

Acute rheumatism or rheumatic fever may or may not begin with a chill or sore throat. The larger joints are usually affected. Swelling, heat, redness, tenderness, and pain are the chief symptoms. The heart is frequently involved.

In chronic rheumatism there is stiffness and pain. In severe cases the joints become enlarged and distorted and the deformity is sometimes very great.

Muscular rheumatism most frequently affects the muscles of the back, the side of the neck, and the side of the chest. When the muscles of the back are affected this type of muscular rheumatism is usually called lumbago.

When the muscles of the side of the neck are affected the disease is known as stiff neck or wry neck, and when the muscles of the side of the chest are involved the condition is known as pleurodynia. Exposure to colds and sudden exposure of the body especially after exercise are the chief exciting causes.

The muscles may be slightly swollen and very sensitive. Sometimes the attacks come on suddenly and apparently without cause, as a kink in the back, following a slight twist or strain. Frequently a patient may wake up in the morning, as you know, with a stiff neck.

How to Prevent Rheumatism.

A few hints concerning the prevention of rheumatism:

OUR LANGUAGE.

REVISED ALPHABET OF 62 SYMBOLS.

According to Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly, famous lexicographer and managing editor of the Standard Dictionary, the letters in the English language are suffering from overwork.

"Six English vowels are used to indicate 47 separate and distinct phonetic sounds," Dr. Vizetelly tells you. "And 21 consonants indicate 70 different sounds. Furthermore, 22 of the 26 letters are silent in certain combinations."

"What is a foreigner to do, for instance, in spelling from sound such words as cough, dough, slough and tough?"

The remedy, Dr. Vizetelly believes, is a revised alphabet. He would provide reinforcements and supplementary burden bearers. Tentatively, he suggests a new set of 62 arbitrary symbols, modifications of the present alphabet.

"One symbol for one sound throughout the language is the ideal upon which the revision should be based," declares the word expert.

"Having agreed upon a new alphabet, its use could be obtained in time through adoption by educational institutions throughout the world. A necessary accompanying step would be the convening of an international committee of experts in spoken English to agree upon a standard of pronunciation for words which now are variously pronounced."

"Such a dream may be but a theory after all. But theories have become facts far too often for anyone with his wits about him to say that the ideal of a uniform standard for sound values of sounds is impossible of attainment. Can we standardise our speech? In theory, 'Yes.' In practice, at least 'Perhaps.'"

Then the lexicographer smiles and points out glaring tangles and contradictions in English pronunciation and spelling.

You must write precede, recede and secede, but likewise exceed, proceed and succeed. You may know why you use "e" in indolence, obedience and science, but why "a" in admittance, appearance and sufferance? And "e" in permanent, indolent and reticent, but "a" in attendant, defendant and tenant? There are approximately 450 words that end in "ance" and "ence," and 650 that end in "ant" and "ent." The correct use of the suffixes "able" and "ible" and "er" and "or" adds largely to the problem.

Then there are sectional difficulties in pronunciation. For "parse," the Englishman says "parz" and the American "pars"; there is "oblique" and "oblike"; "skwall-er" and "skway-ler"; "bean" and "bin"; "patent" and "payten." Furthermore, it is a fact, although not generally known, that the department of education of Scotland has forbidden the teaching of southern English. Australian, Canadian and American English have their own characteristics.

"We Americans," continues Dr. Vizetelly, "have earned for ourselves the reputation of being a mumbling, jumbling, whanging, twanging whining people who flirt with the vowels and shuffle around with the consonants. Our speech has become a ragged, shiftless, and limping medium for expression instead of the outward and audible sign of an inward and spiritual harmony."

"In spite of this I still hold that the level of English speech is higher in the United States than it is anywhere else in the world."

The clothing should always be adequate to protect the body from changes in temperature, yet suited to the atmospheric conditions present.

A well-balanced diet should be observed. Milk is always an acceptable article of diet in cases of rheumatism. Lemonade and mineral waters may be freely used. Plenty of water should be taken and the intestinal tract kept open.

Persons suffering from rheumatism should have a careful physical examination made to determine if possible the cause that is producing the disagreeable symptoms.

When it has been determined that in the opinion of the examining physician a focal infection exists in the body this condition should be corrected.

FLORIDA BOOM.

ONE OF ITS ROMANTIC STORIES.

In view of the great land boom in Florida just reported by Reuters, it is interesting to read of how miles of swamp land have been converted into "real estate." We take the following from an American paper:

The Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Company of New York will shortly put a fleet of suction dredges at work to raise the level of Anastasia Island, opposite St. Augustine, Florida, two feet above the level of the nearby mainland. It will be one of the largest individual dredging operations undertaken in this country in recent years, involving more than 13 million cubic yards of "fill."

Back of this vast engineering operation lies one of the most romantic stories in Florida's development. The filled territory with more than twenty miles of sea wall will be the site of a huge new resort city to be built on a stupendous scale by D. P. Davis, the youngest and perhaps the most picturesque of Florida millionaires.

Mr. Davis, in his early thirties, made his first stake in Miami, Florida, only six years ago. He reached Miami with meagre savings, and was successful in convincing the owner of an extensive platted tract within three miles of the Miami City Hall, that he could sell the lots to investors of moderate means if he was given exclusive control. He spent one thousand dollars in advertising and sold the lots at a price said to average around \$275 each in a short time. The undertaking netted him \$40,000 and with that capital he engaged upon an extensive building program. Purchasers of lots were given every aid in building homes with the result that property advanced rapidly in value.

Turning to Tampa, Mr. Davis bought the Davis Islands in Tampa Bay from the city of Tampa. His purchase was confirmed by a special vote of the electorate. The islands are only one-half mile from the City Hall of Tampa from which they are separated by a beautiful stretch of water. The rapidity of transportation wrought by Mr. Davis probably has no parallel. Almost overnight beautiful homes, apartments, other structures, and miles of fire streets were under construction.

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AN EFFECT OF WORLD WAR.

"The United States has become the musical centre of the world. Seventy-five per cent. of the greater artists now make America their permanent home," Olga Samarroff, noted American pianist, declared the other day in discussing the World War's effect on music.

Madame Samarroff, who will make a concert tour of America this winter following a series of triumphs in Europe, continued:

"After the war, foreign artists came to America in great numbers. Some intended only to visit, but decided to remain. Others planned to make a single tour, but have taken out first papers to become United States citizens, and will continue to give concerts."

"The American public responded quickly to the wealth of musical talent offered it. The smaller cities, as well as New York, Chicago, Boston or Philadelphia, already are demanding the same programs that have been given in Europe's capitals."

"Students of music can gain more in America than elsewhere. Just recently a very talented Chicago boy asked me whether he should continue his studies in this country or go abroad to study. I told him emphatically to remain here. He can hear in his own city and New York more unusual music and a greater variety of music—so valuable to the student—than anywhere else."

Davis' Islands were opened for reservation on October 1, the property sold for \$18,138,000 in 31 hours, with an over-subscription of \$8,250,000. Mr. Davis said recently:

The development of beautiful Anastasia Island at St. Augustine contemplates an outlay of \$600,000, Mr. Davis said. It will include a \$1,500,000 hotel, a \$250,000 country club, a \$200,000 yacht club, a \$200,000 Roman pool and Casino, two 18-hole golf links, residences, apartments, business district, fifty miles of streets and boulevards with one hundred miles of sidewalks.

The building up of the land for the new city will proceed at the rate of about one million cubic yards per month under a great fleet of sand dredges. The authorities of St. Augustine have welcomed Mr. Davis with open arms. After 300 years, old St. Augustine is responding to the thrill of development that is going through Florida.

EARNING AND LEARNING.

AN AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

Just when Hongkong educationists are puzzling how to overcome the problems of local educational facilities, comes news of an interesting proposal for American students by President Jesse Grant Chapline, of the La Salle Extension University, Chicago. He says:—

"Let every college and university student earn his living while he is getting his education. Then every criticism of the failures of the present higher educational system will melt away and disappear," said President Chapline. "Education will take longer but it will sink in deeper. There will be no financial objection to the length of study because the students will be earning their own way. A college degree will be the best possible evidence of determination and character."

"By this simple means the agreeable idler and waster, now nursed and encouraged by college conditions, will be eliminated from the scene. Social joys and pleasures will come to a man after graduation as he earns them and will last him through life. This educational plan already is being proved. More than 500,000 men and women have taken the La Salle Extension University courses while earning their livelihood, and in many cases, while supporting families. A group of 1,200 students selected for analysis increased their incomes an average of \$1,000 a year each in six months. This was not play. These students took hold of education with both fists. When college students took college, students do this criticism will evaporate. And they will do it when they want education enough to take it while they are working for their living."

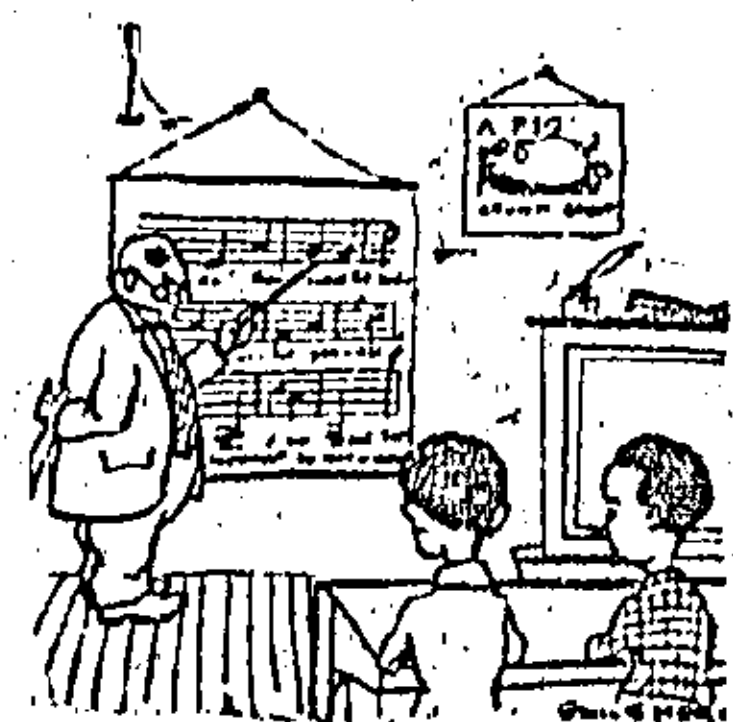
MILES OF PIPES.

OIL MARKETING IN U. S.

Now that Hongkong is looking forward to the completion of a scheme to bring the waters of the Shing Mun River to the City of Victoria, it is interesting to read of the wonderful oil distribution in the United States by means of miles of underground pipes. From the oil fields, oil is flowing to market night and day through a vast system of underground pipe-lines. While the nation sleeps, these rivers of oil are forever rolling through their buried conduits from Texas, Oklahoma, Wyoming and all the great oil producing regions to the great cities and industrial centres.

These subterranean channels through which the great oil companies send their products to market represent an investment of many millions of dollars. The Sinclair pipe-line from the Rocky mountains to the Missouri river, 700 miles long, cost \$23,000,000, and has a capacity of 45,000 barrels of oil a day.

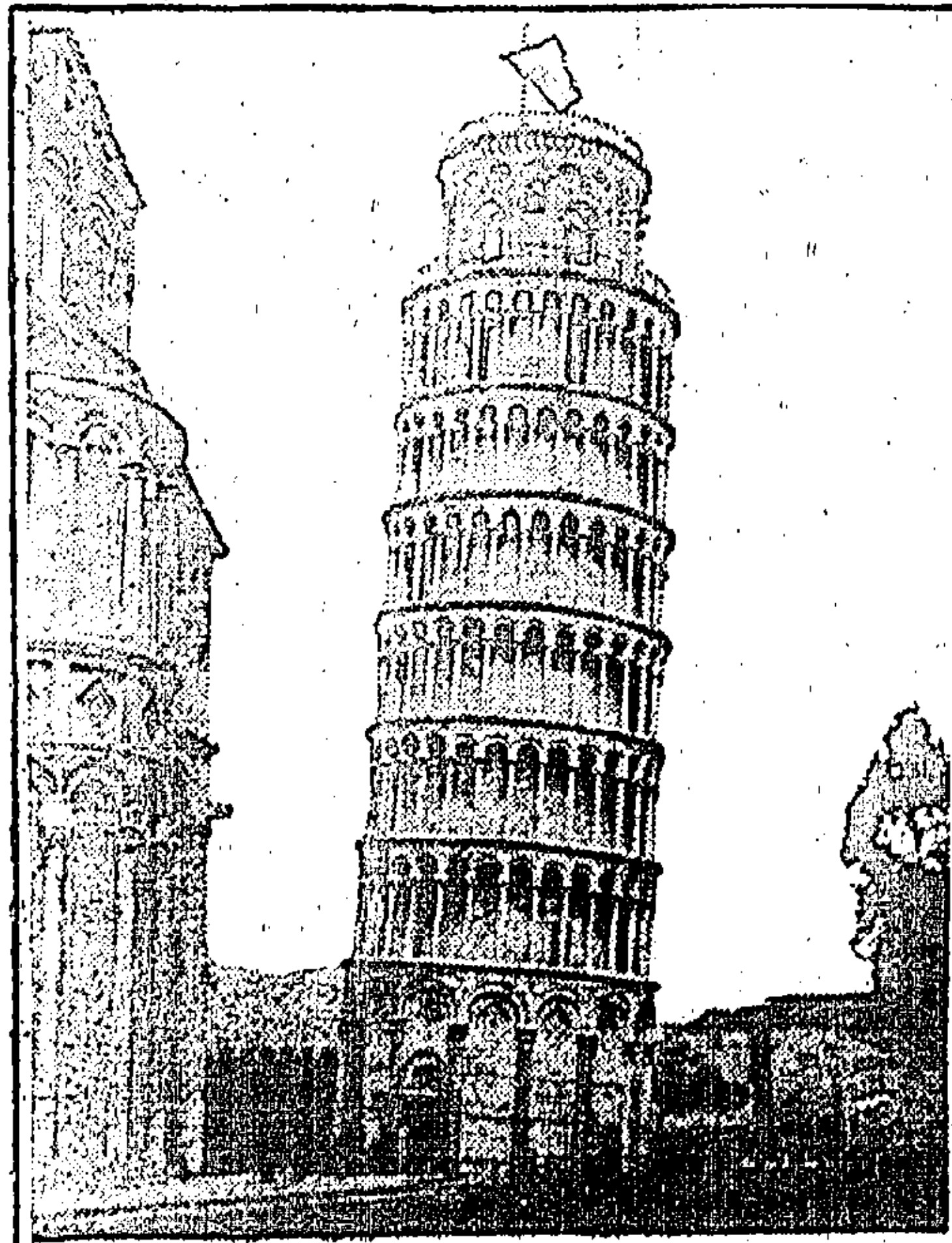
"The Sinclair pipe-line system," according to the annual report of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation, "was 487 miles long in 1916 when the corporation was organized and is now 5,724 miles long. Trunk lines extend from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico connecting with the line from Wyoming near Kansas City. The system collects crude oil from more producing fields and delivers this oil direct to a greater number of consuming markets than any other pipe-line in existence. Deliveries of crude oil through this system amounted to 25,956,000 barrel last year."



Teacher: "We will sing this again. I heard two or three of you who didn't open their mouths!"

Melbourne Punch, Australia.

AN ANCIENT LEANING TOWER.



Time has begun to lay its hand on another of Europe's historic structures. Now it is the famous leaning tower of Pisa which droops with the passing of centuries. An Italian governmental commission has just declared it to be in some danger of falling and engineers are discussing the use of reinforced concrete foundations to keep it in position.

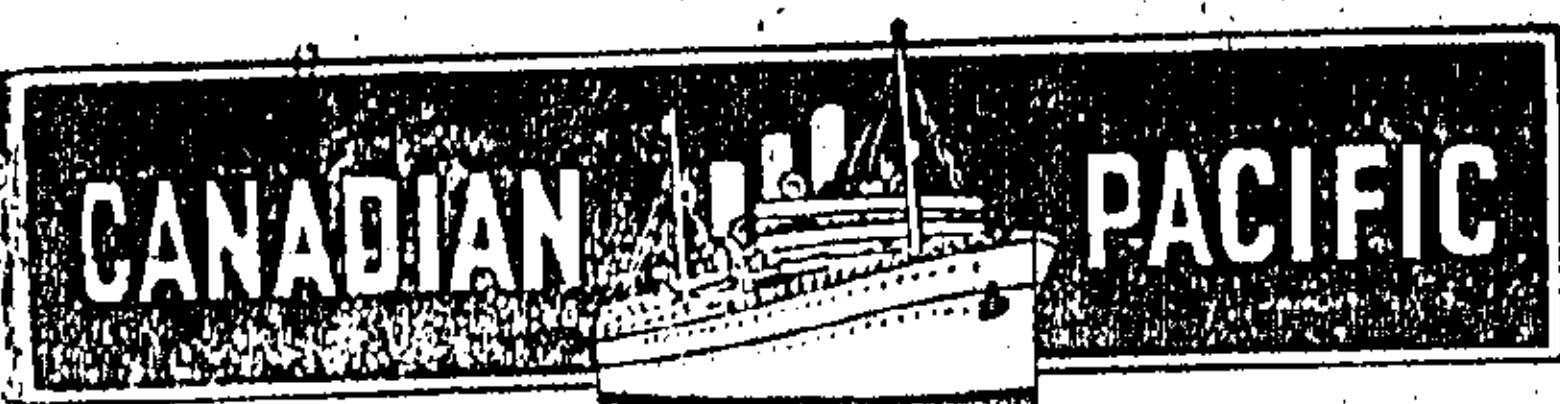
For work of this character, experts are more and more employing rail steel reinforcing bars, which, imbedded in concrete, form a mass that withstands the heaviest loads.

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that have been made in laboratories."

The tower of Pisa is reported by the Italian commission to be fourteen feet out of perpendicular, an increase over the lean recorded a century ago. The tower is built on foundations of soft earth which are subject to continued seepage by underground water currents. Diversion of these currents by a sub-surface concrete belt has been talked of in connection with the reinforced concrete piers.

The Pisan tower, was erected during the period from 1174 to 1350 and is 179 feet high. It is a question whether the architects intended it to lean, but most authorities are of the opinion that the oblique position was an accidental feature of its construction. The walls are entirely of marble, thirteen feet thick at the base.



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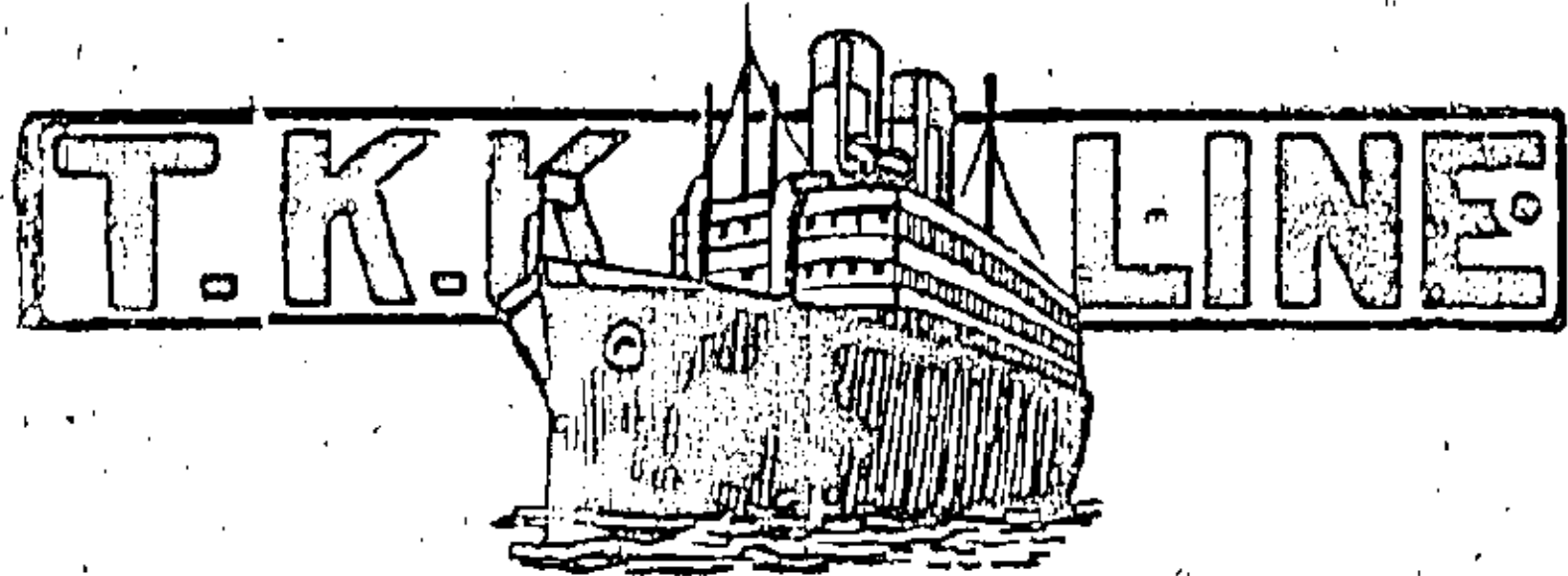
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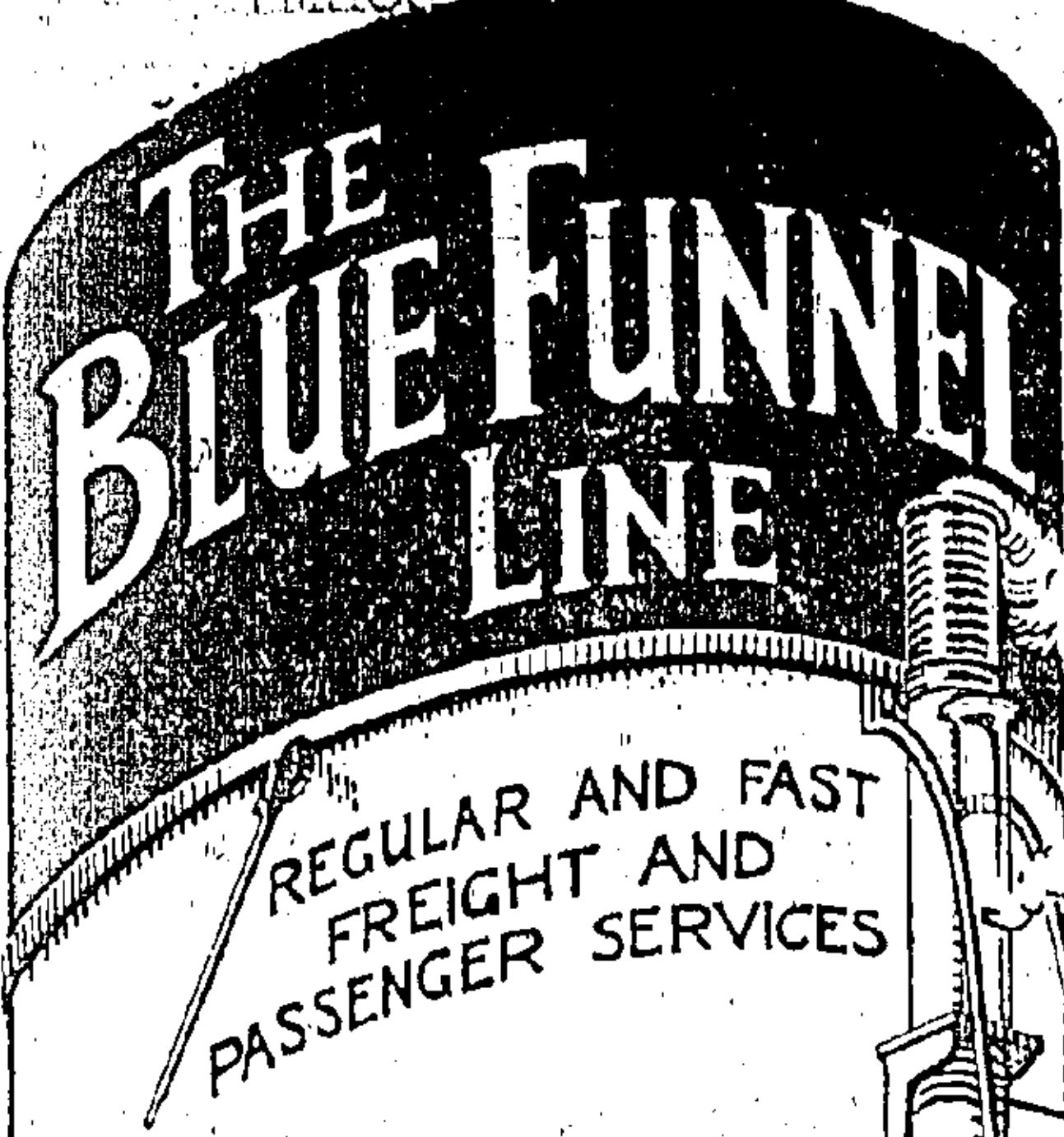
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The English portion of the issue of Gold Bonds of the Potash Syndicate in Germany, marketed in London, closed immediately. The issue was five millions sterling; seven per cent, offered at 91½, redeemable at 102½ by 1950. Simultaneous issues of three millions were made in Holland, Switzerland and Sweden. The total authorised issue is fifteen millions. The syndicate was formed in 1919 to control the German potash industry and embraces all owners of potash mines.—Reuter.

THE MOSUL QUESTION.

Geneva, December 8.
The sub-Committee, comprising Quinones de Leon (Spain), Guam (Uruguay) and Unden (Sweden), appointed to deal with the Mosul question, is still unable to agree. It is stated that Unden is holding out against the settlement proposed by Britain.—Reuter.

STEEL ROPE.

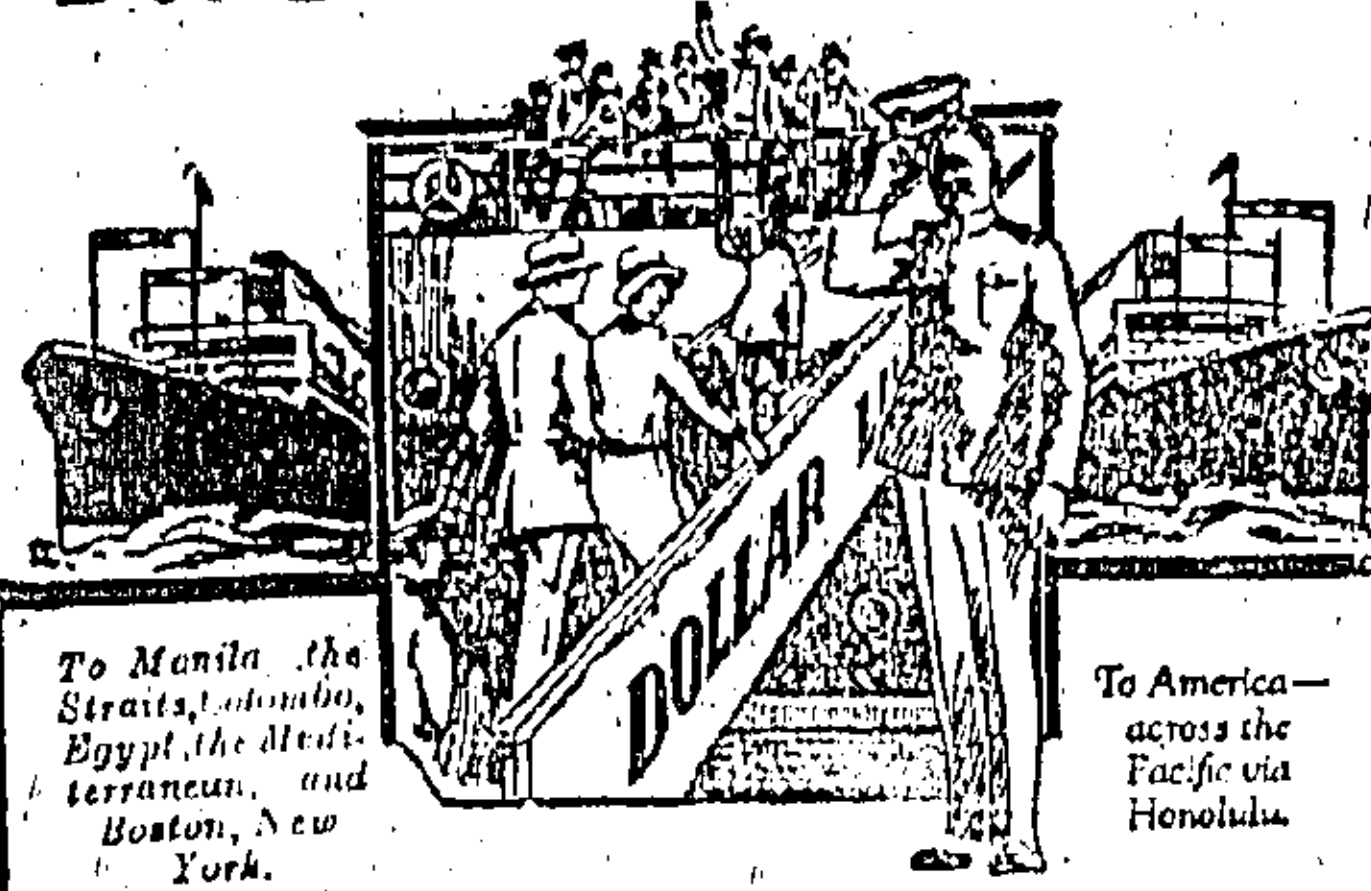
MAGNETIC TEST DEvised.

A test which could be applied to steel hoisting rope to show whether it is in safe condition or not, and which would not require the cutting of a sample from the rope, would be of great value. Every industry and operation which depends on wire rope for hoisting and haulage purposes is anxious to learn of some method by which the condition of ropes can be determined in service. For some time the Bureau of Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce, has been investigating the possibility of applying some form of magnetic test to wire rope to determine its condition, as it is known that breaks in the individual wires, worn places, etc., as well as the stress on the rope, affect its magnetic permeability. The development of any practicable test is a difficult matter, because of the

many variables which must be considered.

In order to design intelligently apparatus for the non-destructive testing of wire rope it is necessary to know the nature and magnitude of the effects involved. One of the causes of deterioration of rope is wear, and the Bureau has recently completed an investigation of the effect of wear on the magnetic properties and tensile strength of steel wire such as is used in manufacture of wire rope. The Bureau found that wear increases the magnetic permeability for low magnetizing force, and decreases it for higher values: in other words, opposite readings are secured, depending on the magnetizing force employed. A load on the wire produces a similar effect, though it is much less in magnitude, and is probably caused by a redistribution of the internal stress in the wire. This change in magnetic properties is accompanied by an increase in the tensile strength.—Nautical Gazette.

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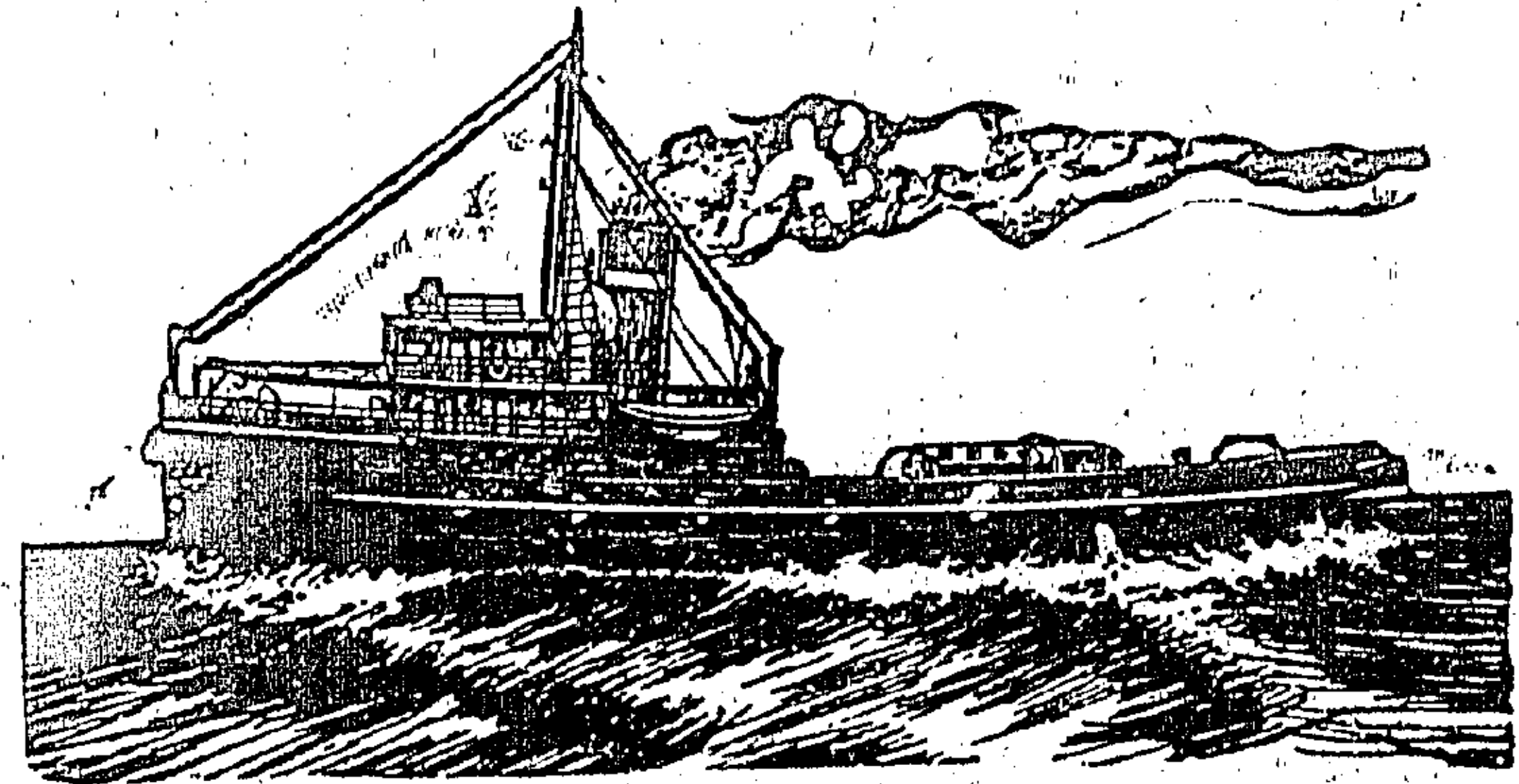
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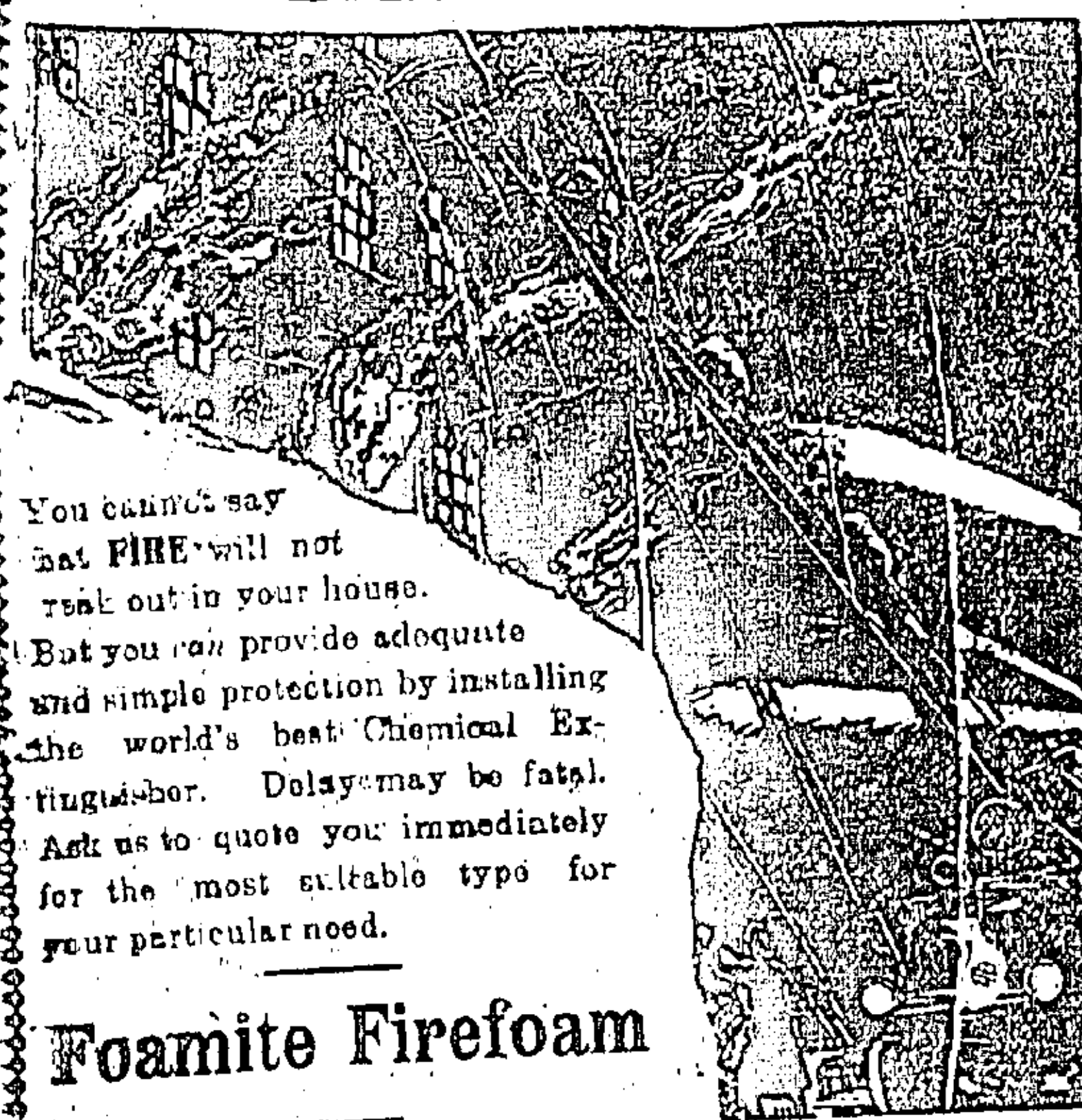
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HOW FUNDS ARE BEING
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On January 8 of this year the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, after consultation with the Lord Mayor of London, appealed through the *Times* for a sum of from £120,000 to £140,000 for the preservation of St. Paul's Cathedral. Thanks to the generosity of the public the large sum was reached by January 22. On August 26 we announced that the fund had passed £250,000; and donations have not yet ceased to reach us, comments the *Times* in mail week.

The time will come when the Cathedral authorities and the others now joined with them in this great task will be able to say to each subscriber: "St. Paul's requires your assistance." The work you entrusted us with is done; the Cathedral is safe. But that time cannot be yet. It is natural that those who have given to any of the funds should wish to know that progress is being made with the work.

At present the principal field is the crypt. The lower parts of the piers supporting the dome must be made secure before their upper parts are taken in hand. All day and every day (undisturbed now by the Cathedral services) the workmen are drilling the necessary series of holes in the piers and forcing into them the cement which is to make a solid core in place of the rubble, now decayed, with which Wren performed filled in the stone casings. The foundations, it is held, may be trusted to go on bearing the enormous weight; it is the piers that must be fortified. When this has been accomplished in the crypt, the same process will be begun on the Cathedral floor, two of the piers having already been made secure by the Cathedral authorities before the present appeal was issued. The work in the crypt may probably be finished early next year. Let us suppose that, perhaps by the end of next year, perhaps later, the core of every pier has been made solid. Then will come an operation which, it is thought, may be

even longer and more difficult. That operation is the replacing of faulty stones by sound stones in the masonry of the piers. The failure of the cores has thrown the weight of the drum and all above it—of "the three domes of St. Paul's" which we described the early days of the fund—on to the masonry, which was never intended to bear it unaided, and was rendered the more unfit to bear it by the contractors' disregard of Wren's instructions about the proper use of iron rods. The effect has been to split and break a number of the stones—a number which on examination (as the Cathedral authorities found in their work upon the north-east and two southern piers) may be found to involve the replacing of many tons of masonry. And besides all this there is yet another great undertaking—the bracing of the drum with a metal hoop.

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A great saving of time is now effected by the separation of a part of the Cathedral where services may be held without interruption of the repairs. Before the works were begun on the present scale it was impossible to hold services in the din of the modern substitutes for axes and hammers; and the regular and special service in St. Paul's Cathedral takes up many hours of the week. Now the high altar has been brought down into the nave and set up decently and in order just east of the Wellington Monument. A few of the choir stalls have also been brought down, and Wren's beautiful wooden pulpit has been set up hard by. Behind the altar boarding has been run up to the top of the arch, stained a quiet green, and hung with fabrics. A separate church, as it were, has thus been made, where as many as one thousand people may worship, while east of it the repairs go on all the working day.

All these different operations are necessary to the preservation of the fabric, to the worthy maintenance of the Cathedral as a Christian church in continuous use for the worship of many thousands of people, and to its convenience and safety as a place of pilgrimage for men of all races and creeds. But not all of them, obviously, fall under the head for which the public has so

generously subscribed. And since no great public work of this kind can be too carefully guarded against any possibility of reproach, it may be well that the public should know the principle which the administrators of the fund have laid down and to which they scrupulously adhere. The various works in the Cathedral are divided by them under two heads: those which are necessary to the preservation of the fabric, and those which are not. The former are paid for out of the fund; the latter are paid for out of the Cathedral's other resources. A simple instance will make the principle clear. The removal and the future replacing of the organ are necessary to the preservation of the fabric, because it could not have been carried on while the organ was in its usual place. The fund, therefore, will bear the cost. But the long overdue improvements to the organ, for making which the present opportunity is to be taken, are not necessary to the preservation of the fabric; therefore no part of their cost will be borne by the fund. In the same way, the duty of maintaining the services in a manner as little as possible unworthy of the great Cathedral of the Empire is a duty distinct from that of preserving the fabric; and, though many a subscriber to the fund might be glad to feel that some part of his gift was being spent upon so high a purpose, the Cathedral authorities have decided that they have no right to divert any part of the fund from its specific object.

According to an announcement by the Post Office Department, the first of a series of Canadian historical stamps is soon to be issued. The new issues will be three in number—one bearing the portraits of Baldwin and La Fontaine; a second, the portrait of Thomas D'Arcy McGee; and a third, the portraits of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir John MacDonnell. "In addition to their educational value," says the Department announcement, "they are also likely to be widely sought and highly valued by stamp collectors in different parts of the world."

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INWARD MAILS.		
From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Kashmir	December 9.
Suez and Straits	Antwerp	December 9.
Amoy	Tilava	December 10.
Shanghai	Shantung	December 10.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	December 10.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai	Pres. Taft	December 10.
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, 12th November and Parcels 5th November)	Macedonia	December 10.
Saigon	Amboise	December 11.
Australia and Manila	Amboise	December 11.
Straits	Namsang	December 12.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	December 14.
Straits	Atsuta Maru	December 14.
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	December 16.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	December 17.
Manila	Pres. Taft	December 18.
Japan	Haruna Maru	December 18.
Australia and Manila	Pres. McKinley	December 19.
Manila	Tanaka Maru	December 22.
Japan	Kashima Maru	December 23.
Straits		

OUTWARD MAILS.		
For	Per	Date.
Amoy and Japan	Taiwa	Wed., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Borneo	Wed., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Kashmir	Thurs., Dec. 10, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Chinhua	Thurs., Dec. 10, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Tsun	Thurs., Dec. 10, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Suiyang	Thurs., Dec. 10, 2.30 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Amakusa Maru	Fri., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Macedonia	Fri., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Amboise	Fri., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong and Haiphong	Tingsang	Fri., Dec. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C.	Pres. Jackson	Fri., Dec. 11, Noon.
	Registration	2.45 p.m.
	Letters	3.30 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B. C. 30th December).	
*Straits and Calcutta	Tilava	Sat., Dec. 12, 11th 5 p.m.
	Letters	12th 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Parcels	Fri., Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
	Moran	Sat., Dec. 12, 9.45 a.m.
	Registration	10.30 a.m.
	Letters	(Due Marseilles 8th Jan., 1926.)
Manila	Pres. Taft	Fri., Dec. 11, 1.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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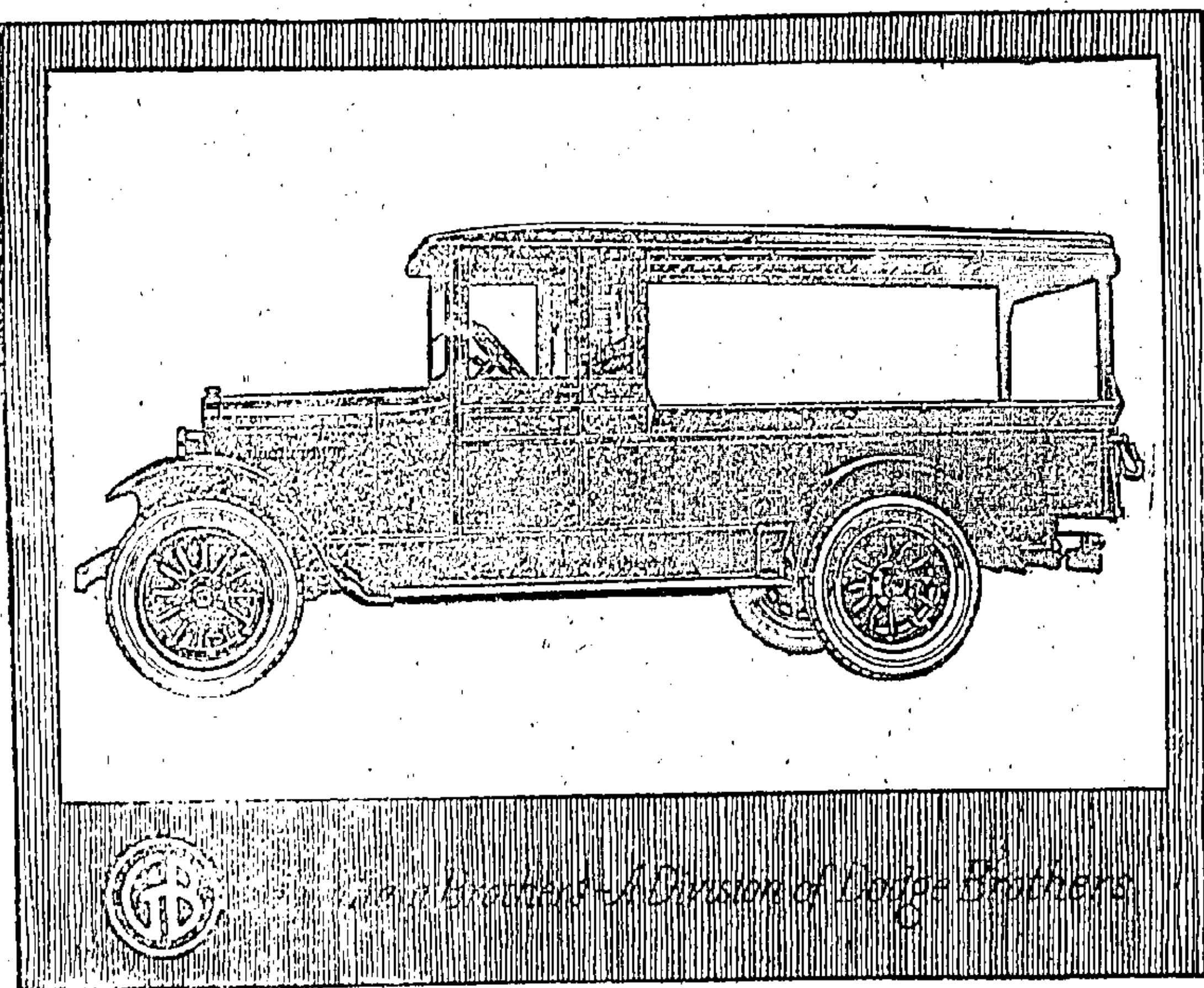
Daily Chronicle representative, "is too frivolous. It has not enough grace. As for the music, it is more awful than the dancing."

BALLROOM MUSIC "EVEN
MORE AWFUL".

Modern dancing was severely criticised recently by Mme. Pavlova, who with her partner, Novikoff, drew an audience of nearly 4,000 to the Manchester Hippodrome.

"Popular dancing to-day," she said, in an interview with a

Novikoff said dancing as seen in many ballrooms to-day was vulgar. Perhaps the worst exhibitions of public dancing were to be seen in America. "How can you compare the fox-trot with the gavotte, the mignon, the schottische, the minuet, and many other old dances?" he asked. "The old dances were lovely. There is nothing to be seen like them now."



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